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ALL OVER THE WORLD

Xmas Ceremonies of Different Nations.

In every Christian country and where ever a Christian chance to be on Christmas day, the festival is observed. It is the day of the day of the year when everywhere, as it should be, being in celebration of the nativity of Him, who ever loved the little ones.

Whoever can lay claim to the hospitable hearth of a home is, unless prevented, there and there on Christmas day. On Christmas as is so often represented in works of fiction, and as so frequently occurs in life, the prodigal knocks at the door of home, for there is something about the day which turns one's mind instinctively toward the parents' roof and with the kindly atmosphere engendered by the season the prodigal feels before he enters, that he is forgiven.

But all prodigals do not return, and there are others who must be far from home when Christmas is at hand. There are those at sea for whom Christmas cheer is most welcome. Far away from their firesides, too, are many adventurous spirits, in the gold fields of Alaska, where thoughts of home call up the hardy miner's vision of her when he expects to claim when his dream of gold has taken tangible form. In every land are men and women at this time of year, who, while they make the best of it, feel like exiles. More than any other season, Christmas makes homesick all but the most hardened.

Pilgrimage to Bethlehem

A thousand years ago the valiant knights of Europe started a crusade against the Saracens, who held the Holy Land. The knights were of various wealth, men, and poor ones, too, as pilgrims to the shrine in Bethlehem where tradition says Christ was born. In those days the pilgrimages were not only costly, but extremely dangerous, for the crusades were not yet over. The ships in which the pilgrims had taken passage, and there were robbers ashore, too, who plundered the godly men on pilgrimage and even when they accompanied the armed forces the Holy Land was a perilous place to visit. Although the crusades were over, and the lives and incalculable treasure sacrificed, the dreaded Saracens continued to maintain their hold on the land of the Bible.

In these days pilgrimages are made with greater ease and safety, and are under the direction not of a valiant knight, but a tourist agent, who has succeeded with money where the force of arms was impotent. A few thousands of Christian pilgrims from the Eastern countries, and that part of Europe where the Greek church is a power, visit the Holy Land. These pilgrims come from Russia, the Balkan peninsula and parts of Asia Minor. Many of them are quite poor, and have to beg their way.

Adoration at the Shrine

At Christmas and at Easter great throngs fill the town of Bethlehem, which lies on two hills, about six miles south of Jerusalem. On Christmas morning the Church of the Nativity, which is the joint property of the Greeks, Latins and Armenians, is crowded almost to suffocation.

At the shrine the pilgrims seek the object of their journey, the Chapel of the Nativity, which is in the Crypt under the church. It is a small chamber, about 40 feet by 12, and its floor and walls are lined with marble. The ceiling is a mosaic of gold, and the walls are covered with silken hangings and by silver burning lamps is the place in which Jesus was born, according to tradition. A silver star let in to the floor records the fact that "Here Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary." All day long and until it is dark, pilgrims come and go.

Observations in Russia

Russians, as a people, are very religious. With them Christmas, while not exciting quite so much interest as Easter, is a time of great religious devotion. Christmas day is the great day in the churches, but the festival lasts until Twelfth Night, as it does in England.

Ancient Christmas customs are passing away in the larger cities, but in Russia, but in some of the remoter provinces of the empire the old-fashioned forms linger. Once upon a time the festival seemed to be devoted to the amusement of young girls, nor is this practice entirely complete. A young woman of a wealthy family was chosen for the place of festivities, in order that there might be no lack of "good cheer."

Long before the day arrived the hostess formally invited her friends and relatives, and later the family nurse repeated the invitation to the young girls. Custom also required the hostess to select a young man, who was called the "Elected," as the companion for each of her young lady guests, and he was expected to devote himself exclusively to her entertainment during the festival. In this choice the hostess was obliged to exercise the greater discretion.

On Christmas Eve the fair maidens were carried to the place of entertainment with great ceremony, long trains of sledges, containing friends and servants, attending them. The girls were left together to spend the evening in feasting and games.

The next day, in the midst of the sports, the "Elected" arrived, and was presented to the young girls. Other guests followed, and a series of gaudies began which lasted until Twelfth Night. Of course, these festivities were only indulged in by the rich; the poor never gained admittance to them, except occasionally as maskers or mummers.

Peculiar Christmas Dainties

On Christmas day the Russian feast consists of borsch, a soup made of meat, sauerkraut, horseradish and vinegar; of techi, a soup of sauerkraut, fish or, if the family be rich enough, of batrnia, the delight of the gentle and simple, and eaten with greater relish even than is our terrapin.

Butrnia may not be inviting or stimulating to our fastidious tastes, but rich dishes are, after all, only a matter of taste, and if we were Russians we should enjoy it. Butrnia owes its fame to lumps of putrid sturgeon, slices of bitter cucumber and lemon, plenty of salted mushrooms, a heaping spoonful of pungent mustard for every plateful, and the whole served cold with hump of ice. With this delicacy the Russian swallows copious draughts of vodka.

Blessing the Danube

From time immemorial has been the custom in Roumania, at Christmas, to bless the Danube. Formerly a scaffolding was erected on the frozen river, and on this was a large cross of ice; but, owing to the extraordinary number of people who presented themselves, the ice frequently gave way and many were drowned.

The ceremony now takes place on the bank of the Danube. The people in recognition of the occasion, wear turbans of colored paper and carry long white wands. Certain persons, dressed to represent Pontius Pilate, Herod and other Biblical characters, go from place to place singing hymns, which are almost similar to our own Christmas carols.

At the appointed hour of the ceremony the nobilities arrive in professional order, accompanied by the priests. The service lasts half an hour, at the close of which the ice is broken, and a small wooden cross is thrown into the water. Hundreds of people rush in after it, and the person who is successful in recovering it is considered very lucky.

Sometimes the struggle to possess these crosses is attended with several fatalities, owing to disputes arising as to the ownership of the cross. In the scuffle which ensues it is said knives are sometimes drawn and used without scruple.

The Festival in Serbia

In Serbia they keep Christmas Eve in a somewhat peculiar way. The father of the family goes into the wood and cuts down a straight young oak, choosing the most perfect that he can find. He brings it in, saying, "Good evening, my happy Christmas," to which those present reply: "May God grant both to thee, and mayest thou have riches and honor!"

Then they throw over him grains of corn. Presently the young tree is placed upon a pile of straw, where it remains until Christmas morning. The national dish in Serbia is pork. The poorest family will stint itself all through the year so as to have money enough to buy a pig at Christmas. Skewered on a spit of wood, the pig is turned over a blazing fire until cooked the guests watching the process with increasing interest.

After dinner stories are told and songs sung. Santa Claus, who, in the person of an ancient guest, is put to bed, is the object of the presents, departs, after the feast, decorated with a long-string of cakes around his neck and laden with such gifts as his friends can bestow.

Gifts to Birds in Sweden

Christmas is celebrated in Sweden to an extent unknown in our country, and the celebration is not over until January 13, or "twentieth day Yule." A very pretty feature of the festivities is thus described by a writer who has visited that country: "One winter afternoon, at Jultide (as Yule is called), I had been skating on a pretty lake three miles from Gothenburg. On my way home, I noticed that at every farmer's house there was erected, in the middle of the yard, a pole, to the top of which was bound a large full sheet of gauze.

"'Why is this?' I asked my comrade. 'Oh, that's for the birds, the little wing birds. They must have a merry Christmas, too, you know!'

And so it is that not a peasant in Sweden will sit down to a Christmas dinner without doors until he has first raised a Christmas dinner for the birds in the cold and snow without.

It should be borne in mind that Scandinavia is the home of the legends which give us some of our most cherished ideas of observing Christmas. Here were born those lovely legends and traditions of Santa Claus, the Elf, the Nisse, the Mistletoe, here, also, was the home of the hollytree, without which Christmas cannot be appropriately and elegantly kept. This is the home of the Yule-log, the season of the Vikings.

In the Manner of the Vikings

Preparations there as here, being several weeks ahead of the festival, and in every hamlet and homestead the spirit of the approaching season is long fore-casted. Venison, birds, fish and the best spiced kjod (dried nut or beef sausage), with cakes, pies and fruits are stored in the larder. The special jule (ale), home made wine and kegs of brandy are also in the cellar, ready for the festive season. The beautiful old silver mugs and carved drinking horns, the silver spoons and ornaments are brought forth from treasure chests and polished for use, new clothing is purchased, the house well swept, holly and flowers placed around and fir needles and juniper, which are supposed to be feared by the evil spirits, strewn over the floors.

A hymn is heard on every lip when the glad Christmas morn breaks, and before breakfast care is seen that every beast or bird about the premises is well cared for. All the cattle receive a double portion of feed on Christmas.

In the Eternal City

In Rome and in France Christmas is ushered in by a midnight mass. In the Eternal City crowds are on their way to the church of Santa Maria Maggiore as early as 9 o'clock on Christmas eve for the Holy Father Himself celebrates the mass there on Christmas. The next day, the feast of the Epiphany, the pope usually officiates in St. Peter's, where another immense crowd is gathered.

All evening, on Christmas Eve, the bells in the Roman churches are ringing. Every window seems to be illuminated. The streets are crowded all night with the faithful going or coming from the churches. On Christmas day every shop in Rome is shut, but at every corner vendors of torrone and pacifino, two precious sweets, do a thriving trade.

Yuletide in France

Throughout France every Catholic church and cathedral has its Christmas midnight mass and everywhere the service is well attended. Tradition has it that the savior was born at midnight and for that reason the services begin at the first hour of the day.

In Paris the streets and boulevards are thronged at Christmas time, and although there, too, the midnight mass is celebrated in the churches, Paris is almost a country of itself and the boulevardier is usually anything but religious. He, perhaps, does not attend mass, but spends the night visiting the concert hall and cafes, and when dawn has broken you will very likely find him eating breakfast elbow to elbow with a soiled laborer in the Halles Centrales—the great market of Paris.

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Joyous Day in Germany

The Germans have a truly childlike love for Christmas. The spirit of Kriss (the Christmas spirit) is everywhere. The houses of the rich and poor are all decked with a kingly mantle, and mirth and jollity reign. Every family wants a Christmas tree, of course, but if too poor to get a tree, a bough will give it just as much genuine pleasure and if not a bough, then a tree will do very well.

There is a general caring for the poor. In the schools children are requested to bring garments, money or whatever may be convenient, and in each ward a certain time is appointed for the distribution of these. Rich families care for poor families individually and choose gifts which will be of real benefit to them, bags and baskets are packed with substantial presents and toys and in every house presents are given for the time.

The plebeian kitchen, a sort of hard ginger or spice cake, is the distinguishing delicacy; it is in the house of every one in the land from the highest to the lowest.

Quaint Legends of Austria

Yuletide, as kept by the non-German population of Austria, is very picturesque. On Christmas day the Poles in Galicia attend mass, and then sit down to the family supper. The chief dish on the table contains blessed eggs, which the father distributes. After eating, all eyes are closed and all heads bowed down to the table, in the belief that Jacob's ladder is then descending from heaven, and down the ladder angels are coming to bless the worshippers and to carry away their earthly troubles to heaven.

Among the Czechs the legend runs that he who most strictly fasts on Christmas eve will see the Holy Child in his dreams that night. In the evening the real celebration begins. All lights are then extinguished in the house, and fire or light is visible. The children cluster in fear and remain perfectly silent, as otherwise they know they will receive none of the presents brought by the Christ Child and laid at the entrance of the house. The oldest child, a girl, is then seated on a high-backed chair, and the children, entering from the doors it assumes him as to the appearance of their future spouses.

Children's Day in Belgium

In some of the old Belgium towns a beautiful spectacle may be seen on a rainy day. Amid the sound of drum, horn, cymbal and a whole orchestra of instruments, with the soft chanting of old carols, a long gaily-decked procession marches through the principal streets, dressed in its special costume, blue, pink or yellow, and all bearing some device emblem or grasping some bright ribbon attached to a crucifix.

Here and there in the throng older, stronger hands bear aloft precious relics, upon which the spectators reverently gaze. Many novel features come into view as the procession passes along, but the prettiest sight is the train of beautiful children, in fantastic dress, marching over the flower-strewn pavement, each small person gravely absorbed in the special part performed.

Situations at Sea

On the Grand Banks, off the great North Atlantic fishing grounds, are known, where fog is nearly always present and swift, giant-like ocean greyhounds rush in through the fishing fleets, the fishermen ply their calling at Christmas, as well as at other times of the year. When on a Christmas day a big liner passes within hail of one of the fishing boats, it is customary for the fishermen to request the steamship to "Please report us." At sea another ship is the most pleasing sight, and the fishermen to him, and even when communication is carried on only by means of the international signal code, which, fortunately, is a universal language, it is as dear to the hearts of the sailor or fisherman as words spoken.

CHRISTMAS IN CHURCHES.

Special Services Celebrated in All the Local Edifices.

At both the morning and evening services in the churches yesterday special services were held commemorative of the birth of the Saviour. Appropriate music was discoursed and notably large congregations gathered in the different houses of worship. Today the different churches of England will hold the regular Christmas day morning services.

At both services at Christ Church cathedral Canon Beaudlands preached the sermon, and the music in the evening included several solos and anthems. At St. John's, St. Barnabas and St. James the choral numbers were particularly effective.

Special Christmas music was a feature of the services at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, and the pastor, Rev. W. Leslie Clay, preached two impressive sermons. Rev. Dr. Campbell preached at the First Presbyterian church.

Today at the German Lutheran church divine service will be held in the morning and a children's service and Christmas tree in the evening.

At the Calvary, Burnside and Emanuel Baptist churches the Christmas hymns were sung. The sermons at the several Methodist and congregational churches were appropriate to the Yuletide season and at the Centennial Methodist church the day was made memorable as "missionary day," when Rev. Dr. White, superintendent of home missions, delivered two effective addresses.

At midnight Christmas eve the celebration of solemn high mass with full choral service was held at the Catholic cathedral. Beautiful and inspiring music with many fine executed solos was the feature of the brilliant illumination. St. Andrew's cathedral was crowded with devout midnight worshippers for two hours.

Services: Holy communion, 7 and 8 a. m.; morning service and holy communion (choral), 11 a. m.; Voluntary—Chorus, "O Thou That Tellest"..... Messiah Professional Hymn..... 60 Voluntary—Chorus, "O Thou That Tellest"..... Cathedral Psalter To Deum..... 11. Smart, in F Jubilate..... 11. Smart, in F Anthem—"Rebels I Bring You Good Tidings"..... E. A. Clare Treble Solo, Master C. Levy.

Kyrie..... Dr. Gower Gloria..... Russell Hymns..... 39, 41 Communion Hymn..... 322 Gloria in Excelsis..... Old Chant (MS.) Amen—Sevenfold..... Sir J. Stainer Recessional—Hymn..... St. John (MS.) Voluntary—Pastorale..... Gullmatt

Many Xmas Visitors Here

Numerous Out-of-Town Men Will Enjoy Festive Season in Victoria.

Colonist Reporter Has Interviews With a Number of Recent Arrivals.

Holiday Trade This Year Reported by Shop Keepers to Have Been Excellent.

On her two trips from Vancouver Saturday and last night the Princess Victoria brought over fully 500 people, who will spend Christmas day in the Capital City. A special excursion train good until January 3 afforded the opportunity of many Terminal City folk to pay Victoria a visit and see friends during the festive season. Many people, too, are here from the interior for a week or so, and the hotels today will have many to cater for. There are few commercial men on the road just at present, but after the first of the year the bustling "knights of the grip" will be more in evidence around the different city hostels. The Colonist man last night met a number of those who are here for the holidays, and each had something to say of interest to local readers.

The first one seen was J. C. Carruthers, the genial representative at Nelson of the local houses of Lenz & Leiser. "Christmas in the Kootenay metropolis is always celebrated in good style, and this year, on account of improved conditions in mining, agricultural and commercial life, it will surpass anything previous. We have had very mild weather down there, something like you have in Victoria," he said, laughingly. "But you see in my line mild weather makes it hard to sell heavy goods—though we have done very well. Business conditions in the Kootenays and Boundary are excellent. In the Boundary the construction of two lines of railway west has stimulated trade to a vast extent and the wholesalers have done well. Coming nearer home in the Silvery Sloane the wisdom of the leasing system in the silver-lead mines has been demonstrated to be successful and many lessees have done well there. In brief we are expecting a good spring, and the outlook for the whole of southern British Columbia is excellent."

J. N. Paton is a mining man from Greenwood, who is here for a little change of atmosphere and scenery, and he proposes spending about ten days in the Capital. Seen last night at the King Edward hotel, Mr. Paton confessed that being "interviewed" was not in his line, but cheerfully agreed to tell the Colonist what was doing down his way. "The feature of mining development around Greenwood, when one leaves out the big operating companies, is the opening up of the rich silver and gold veins on the claims directly tributary to and surrounding the town in every direction. Many of these claims are within a few minutes' walk of the postoffice. Within the last year and a half local capital has been responsible for developing these high-grade mines. There are now fully a score being opened up, and their combined pay-roll has added much to the prosperity of Greenwood." Mr. Paton is also largely interested in the Shinkmeen and is a part owner in the Prince Henry group at Greenwood.

W. T. Alexander, general manager of the Great West Permanent Loan Company, with headquarters in Winnipeg, leaves tomorrow night for the interior, and Mr. Alexander has been in the city for some weeks establishing the local office and securing subscriptions to the capital stock of this financial concern. Seen at the Hotel Driard, Mr. Alexander stated that the manager of the local office will be E. S. Buchanan, formerly of the Victoria and Vancouver agency who arrived last night from the mainland. "In a very short time we expect to open a regular deposit and general loan agency business in the local office," said Mr. Alexander. The Great West Permanent has made a reputation among Dominion loan companies in securing subscribers to its capital stock, and in Victoria we have also been very successful."

W. C. Wells, M. P. P., is here to spend the Christmas holidays with his sons. Asked about the lumber industry, particularly with regard to the interior, Mr. Wells said that the outlook promised that there would be quite a big volume of business when spring opened up. "There should be quite a spurt in the spring as the settlement of the new Provinces, now going on promises to keep the millmen busy. While I am away out of the business it is still my opinion that in a short time the lumber industry of this province will be taxed to supply the demand from the east side of the Rockies. The talk of the American mills continuing to dump lumber on the prairies is nothing but a newspaper 'bugger.' The mills in the states are doing a too prosperous business at present and the only lumber coming across the line is a few shipments to Winnipeg contractors, who think they are smart in importing when they can get it at such good prices and equally as good material from Canadian mills. At present Canadian millmen are doing the business in the Northwest and will continue to do so."

Mr. Wells intends to make Golden his headquarters and is having a fine home built for him just as he is becoming largely interested in Vancouver and Calgary investments, and purposes investing in Columbia river valley enterprises. "Keep your eye on that valley," was his parting shot as the reporter wished him the member for Golden the compliments of the season.

AN UP-TO-DATE VISIT FROM ST. NICHOLAS

BY FRED NYE

(Sixty Years After Clement Scott's Memoir.)

THIS is the night before Xmas, when all through the flat

Not a creature is stirring, not even a rat.

The stockings are hung on the heater with care,

In hopes that St. Nicholas will soon be there.

The children, tired out with the day's noisy labors,

Are enjoying a respite—and so are the neighbors.

Ma in a kimono, I in my pajama,

Are snoozing away in the folding piano,

When out on the pavement I hear such a clatter

That I spring to the window to see what's the matter.

The moon on the piles of John Woodbury's snow

Gives the lustre of midday to objects below,

And I see sleeping quietly there in the street

A policeman in uniform, still on the beat,

While an old man in an automobile,

Is, I judge from the noises, in serious trouble,

For flat on his back, underneath his machine,

In a thick cloud of smoke with a smell gasoline,

He is turning and twisting and hammering away

Like the boiler shop man in the heat of the fray.

At last he has finished, and, firm in his seat,

He turns his machine loose and tears up the street.

Such puffing and snorting, such blasts of the horn,

I never have listened to since I was born!

'Cross the street, back and forth, like a comet he flashes,

And all that comes into his orbit he smashes.

The policeman awakes and cries, "Hey, stop yer speeding!"

But the man in the auto flies on without heeding.

And see! In less time than it takes for the telling

He is scaling the walls of our twelve-storey dwelling!

There's the sound of a crash and the falling of plaster

That shatters the nerves with a tale of disaster,

And I shout, "To the rear of the flat and be quick,

For the automobilist is surely St. Nick!"

And there on the fire-escape later we find him

With his bag full of toys in a heap just behind him,

And he says to my youngest, whose first name is Johnny,

"You may not have guessed, but I'm Santa Claus, sonny;

My eyes were once twinkling, my dimples how merry!

My cheeks were like roses, my mouth like a cherry!

I had a broad face and a round little belly

That shook when I laughed like a bowl full of jelly.

But to be up-to-date I acquired this machine,

And now I've grown cranky and lanky and lean.

For there's always so much to be done to the gearing

And I have such a terrible time with the steering—

In short, the old 'bubble' gives me such a pain, dear,

That I think I shall have to go back to my reindeer."

Then he springs to the roof and examines his "flyer,"

Pumps a gallon of air in his pneumatic tire,

And dashing away with diminishing "honks,"

Disappears in the shadows that hang o'er the Bronx.

But list to the transports of childish delight

That ring from the fire-escape out on the night!

For old Santa has been in so much of a hurry,

He's had so much strife and confusion and worry,

He's been in such a whirl from the fuss and the noise

That he's left by mistake his whole bagful of toys!

GIFTS OF THE MAGI

A Christmas Story by O. Henry.

(Press Publishing Co., N. Y.)

ONE dollar and eighty-seven cents. That was all. And sixty cents of it was in pennies saved one and two at a time by bulldozing the grocer and the vegetable man and the butcher until one's cheeks burned with the silent imputation of parsimony that such close dealing implied. Three times Della counted it. One dollar and eighty-seven cents. And the next day would be Christmas.

There was clearly nothing to do but huddle down on the shabby little couch and wait. So Della did it. While her mind wandered to the stores that life is made up of, she smiled and smiled, with smiles predominating.

While the mistress of the home is gradually subsiding from the first stage to the second take a look at the home. A furnished flat at \$8 per week. It did not exactly bear description, but it certainly had that word on the lookout for the mendicancy squad.

In the vestibule below belonged to this flat a letter-box into which no letter would go and an electric button from which no mortal finger would come a ring. Also pertaining thereto was a car bearing the name "Mr. James Dillingham Young."

The "Dillingham" had been flung to the breeze during a former period of prosperity when its possessor was being paid \$300 per week. Now, when the income was shrunk to \$20 the letters of "Dillingham" looked blurred, as though they were thinking of contracting to a modest and unassuming D. But whenever Mr. James Dillingham Young came home and reached his flat above he was greeted by a gasp and a hug by Mrs. James Dillingham Young already undressed to you as Della. Which is all very good.

Della finished her cry and attended to her cheeks with the powder rag. She stood by the window and looked out dully at a gray wall and a gray sky. Tomorrow was Christmas Day and she had only \$1.87 with which to buy Jim a present. She had been saving every penny she could for months, with this result. Twenty dollars a week doesn't go so far.

Expenditures had been greater than she had calculated. They always are. Only \$1.87 to buy a present for Jim. Her Jim! Many a happy hour she had spent planning for something nice for him. Something fine and rare and sterling—something just a little bit near to being his parting shot as the reporter wished Jim.

There was a pier-glass between the windows of the room. Perhaps you have seen a pier-glass in an \$8 flat. A very thin and very agile person may, by observing his reflection in a rapid sequence of longitudinal strips, obtain a fairly accurate conception of his looks. Della, being slender, had mastered the art.

Suddenly she whirled from the window and stood before the glass. Her eyes were shining brilliantly, but her face had lost its color. She opened the door and rapidly she pulled down her hair and let it fall its full length.

Now there were two possessions of the James Dillingham Youngs in which they both took mighty pride. One was Jim's gold watch, which had been his father's and his grandfather's. The other was Della's hair. Had the Queen of Sheba lived in a flat above her, her shaft would have let her hair hang out of the window to dry and mocked at Her Majesty's jewels and gifts. Had King Solomon been the janitor, with all his treasures piled up in his basement, Jim would have pulled out his watch every time he passed, just to see him pluck at his beard from envy.

So now Della's beautiful hair fell about her, rippling and shining like a cascade of brown waters. It reached below her knee and made itself almost a garment for her. And then she did it up again nervously and quickly. Once she faltered for a minute, and stood still while a tear or two splashed on the worn red carpet.

On went her old brown jacket; on went her hair. With a whirl of skirts and with the brilliant sparkle still in her eyes, she fluttered out the door and down the stairs to the streets.

Over the place at which she stopped the sign read: "Mme. Sofronie, Hair Goods of All Kinds." One flight up Della ran and collected herself, panting. Madame, large, too white, chilly and hardly looking the "Sofronie,"

"I will buy my hair?" "I buy hair," said Madame. "Take your hat off and let's have a sight at the locks of it."

Down rippled the brown cascade. "Twenty dollars," said Madame, lifting the mass with a practiced hand. "Give it to me quick," said Della. "Oh, and the next two hours tripped by on rosy wings. Forget the hashed metaphor. She was ransacking the stores for Jim's present.

She found it at last. It surely had been made for Jim and no one else. There was none other like it in any of the stores, and she had turned all of them inside out. It was a platinum fob chain simple and elastic in design, properly proclaiming its value by its quietness and modesty. No jeweled ornamentation—as all good things should do. It was even worthy of The Watch.

Xmas Car Service

Cars Will Commence Running
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LOS ANGELES HOTEL DESTROYED BY FIRE

Two Hundred Thousand Dollar
Blaze in the Garden
City.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 24.—The Vannuys Hotel on Broadway, one of the finest first-class hostels in the city, located in the heart of the business district, was ruined by fire today. One hundred and ten guests, most of whom were in bed when the fire broke out, escaped in their nightclothes, and nearly all suffered the loss of their baggage and personal effects. Five firemen were injured by the collapse of a floor. Fire Chief Lipps was also seriously cut by falling glass. The financial loss will approximate \$200,000.

The origin of the fire has not been definitely ascertained, though it is supposed to have started in the basement engine room of the hotel. The flames spread with great rapidity, and in thirty minutes from the time the first alarm was turned in the whole building was ablaze. All of the guests were able to escape by way of the stairways and elevators, although the corridors were densely filled with smoke and many were nearly suffocated.

HUGH WATT GUILTY.

London, Dec. 24.—The trial of Hugh Watt, the former member of parliament charged with inciting hired agents to murder his divorced wife, Julia Watt, and Sir Reginald Beauchamp ended today with a verdict of guilty. Watt was sentenced to five years' penal servitude.

The judge, in summoning up, said it was the most extraordinary case of modern times. Improbable as was the whole story, he thought it was equally as improbable that anyone could concoct and swear to such charges. The question of the sanity of Watt had not been raised, so the jury had nothing to do but find a verdict of guilty or not guilty.

The judge pointed out that the death of the former Mrs. Watt would place Watt in exactly the position he desired as it would enable him to legalize his marriage to Lady Violet Beauchamp, which at present was illegal because divorce made absolute. Her death would also annul the deed of settlement between Watt and Mrs. Watt, which Mr. Watt desired.

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Correspondent

Describes Fight

London Telegraph's Description
of the Bloodshed in
Moscow.

Streets Resembles a City Cap-
tured by a Foreign
Army.

London, Dec. 25.—The Daily Telegraph's St. Petersburg correspondent, describing the fighting at Moscow, says: "The first shots were fired by the revolutionaries on the troops outside Fidler's school, which was surrounded. The revolutionaries were given one hour in which to surrender. Fifty-five minutes had passed and the commanders of the troops were about to give the order to fire when a volley came from the house. Several soldiers were killed or wounded. The troops immediately replied. Soon a white handkerchief was waved from a window. The troops entered, but they were met with rifle fire, and they retired and again bombarded the house. Shortly afterwards a white flag was again waved and the surrender of the revolutionaries was completed."

The correspondent also describes the fighting in other sections of the city, resulting in every case in the defeat of the revolutionaries.

Mob's Desperate Courage

"The desperate courage of the mob," the correspondent says, "was marvellous. Units of three, tens and hundreds would sally forth, be driven back and rally against the enormous odds, and in the evening the hospitals were filled and private dwelling houses were crowded with the wounded."

The principal thoroughfares, the Tverskaja, looks like a street in a city captured by a foreign army. Bivouac fire burns in the street and rifles are stacked on the pavements. During this needless effusion of blood in old Moscow the people were shopping, visiting and otherwise carrying on the ordinary occupations as though nothing in particular was going on. Yesterday's doings marked the most important manifestation of Russian anarchy, and will prove, as the anarchists assert, decisive.

Complete Defeat of Anarchists
"So far as one can judge it will end in the complete defeat of the anarchists, who will be silenced in Russia for several years."

"In the station at Yelna on the Kieff and Voronezh line, entire families of railway officials and strikers have been literally cut to pieces by infuriated peasants, and there is other cumulative evidence of a determination on the part of the peasants to oppose the strikers. The anarchists have not dislodged the government, imprisoned Premier Witte, or deposed the Emperor, but they have struck a deadly and wanton blow at the empire. Already hungry bands are pillaging wherever they can. As an instance, the station at Nizhny Novgorod should not be the seat of a demonstration on the part of cars loaded with the necessities of life for the Christmas tide.

"A ukase will be published in a day or two embodying the new electoral law and fixing a date for the election of the duma. The severest criticism is directed against the government for failing to adopt prompt repressive measures against the revolutionaries."

MARKED SALMON TAKEN IN RIVER

Hatchery Fish Return to the
Columbia River After
Four Years.

"What is believed to be the best evidence of the efficiency of artificial propagation of salmon that has ever been secured was recently obtained by Fish Commissioner Kershaw relative to the operation of hatcheries on the Columbia river," said Deputy Fish Commissioner Perry Baker yesterday. "Mr. Kershaw received tails and fins of 100 salmon from a single trap owner on the Columbia river that were plainly marked hatchery fish."

"When the hatcheries were placed in operation on the Columbia river a system of marking was adopted for the purpose of ascertaining if any of the salmon turned out of the river returned to their native spawning grounds, and in what length of time."

"The marked fins and tails received by Mr. Kershaw were found to be salmon that were turned out of the Kalama and Chinook hatcheries four years ago. The spawn of these fish was taken in 1901, and the young salmon turned out in 1905. The fish were marked in a manner that leaves no doubt of the fact. The scales on the fins were cut down and a hole punched in the tail. The cutting of the bones in the fin is just the same as a man losing a part of his finger—it never grows out again."

"The Columbia river was practically depleted when the artificial propagation of salmon was commenced on that stream, and the past several years have demonstrated that it has been restocked by some means."

"While only a part of the fish were marked, when released from the hatcheries, the fact that one trap owner on the river found at least 100 of these salmon during the past season is conclusive evidence that artificial propagation is the only solution of the problem to prevent the depletion of the salmon fisheries."

"Mr. Kershaw asked a number of the Columbia river fishermen and trap operators to watch for the marked salmon, and during the rush of the season it was apparently overlooked, as only one response has been received."

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LOCAL NEWS

Unique Souvenir—A characteristically unique souvenir has just been issued by the management of the Manitoba Free Press. This season it takes the form of a booklet descriptive of the old Hudson Bay Company days, accompanied by a "flint and steel," the articles themselves being enclosed in the envelope—the whole forming at once a most striking and unique reminder of the existence of the Winnipeg Free Press.

Handled Crowds Well—Traffic Manager Gibson of the British Columbia Electric Railway was in receipt of many congratulations yesterday on the very efficient manner in which the large crowds were handled on Saturday evening. Nothing but words of praise are to be heard from the large number of holiday-makers who were "taking in the town" on Saturday. From early in the afternoon till the last car at night the traffic was very heavy, and to be able to transport this crowd without a hitch of any description occurring speaks well for the management and employees of the company.

Returned From Portland—E. J. Coyle, assistant general passenger agent of the C. P. R., has returned to Vancouver from Portland, where last week he attended a meeting of steamship companies interested in the trans-Pacific trade. The Great Northern Steamship Company some time ago broke into the Chinese trade in California, and the San Francisco companies complained that this was a breach of the agreement that northern companies should not operate south of the Oregon boundary. At the meeting, however, it was decided that the companies could hold their own against this invasion, and no retaliatory measures were taken.

Bank's Best Wishes—The Imperial Bank of Canada has issued for general circulation a very pretty combined calendar and Christmas card, containing besides the season's greetings some statistical information respecting the bank's status in the financial world of a pertinent and interesting character. The little souvenir of the festive season is handsomely executed in lithographed colors. A notable feature of the financial statement contained in the calendar is the fact that the "rest and undivided profits" are \$4,031,105.90, this amount being more than the capital authorized, \$4,000,000. This fact will go to show what a sound financial institution the Imperial Bank is.

Highway Robbers—Detective Sergeant Palmer and Detective Perdue lost little time after receiving the report of the snatching of Miss Dennis' satchel from her hands when on Douglas street, near Esquadril street, Saturday night, before they landed two men, George Brown and Robert Bell, who were charged with highway robbery and have been identified by the young lady as those who snatched her satchel from her. She made a struggle to retain her property and fell on her knees in the scuffle. She did not lose her hold on the handle of the bag, which was broken loose when the thieves pulled it from her. There was some money, amounting to about \$3, in the satchel, and money of the same denomination as that in the purse was found on Bell after the arrest.

MAKING BANK CLERKS.

American Paper's Comments on Action
of a Canadian Bank.

Collier's Weekly.

Scotland surpasses Canada in the art of making bankers. If this is not so, will the Canadian Bank of Commerce explain its policy of soliciting bank clerks in the land of the plaid and thistle? During the past decade many efforts have been made to make the primary and secondary education in the eastern provinces more practical. But even with such efforts the right kind of clerical training has not been adequate to Canada's needs. There are hundreds of young boys who would be eager to accept clerical positions, but who are forced into already overcrowded vocations because of the lack of technical training. Even the university graduates are going into the neighboring republic to acquire a commercial footing. The Ottawa Free Press is the authority for the statement that one hundred and fifty graduates from one university alone in ten years have gone to New York and the New England states. Where is the needed correction? Western Canada is still wheat-crazed. It is the inevitable failing of a pioneer land. People in Manitoba and the new provinces talk land, wheat, acres and dollars. Their educational interests are not yet above ten years away from university contemplations. But Eastern Canada can offer no such excuse. American

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

DIED

BERRYMAN—At the family residence, 14 Franklin street, on the 23rd instant, Charles Berryman, a native of St. Erta, Cornwall, England; aged 41 years.

The funeral will take place on Tuesday, December 26, at 2:30 p. m., from the residence, as above.

Friends will please accept this intimation.

ERSKINE—At the family residence, 31 King's road, on Sunday morning, 24th instant, Margaret Blair (Madge), eldest daughter of Robert and Hannah Erskine.

Interment on Tuesday at 11 o'clock from the above residence.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

100 LATE TO CLASSIFY.

WANTED—A German, middle-aged woman seeks position as general servant in private family—no children—or chamber maid in private boarding house. Apply 60 Rae street. 421

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SEND NAME and date of birth with 2-cent stamp for name and I will give you a pen picture of your life. H. Hill, 120 Sutter St., San Francisco. 414

POULTRY AND LIVESTOCK

FOR SALE—Jersey cow and calf. Apply 312 Douglas street. 424

FOR SALE—Thoroughbred Shorthorn bull, pedigree. Apply R. E. Knowles, Sidney P. O. 422

FOR SALE—Fine Clyde 4-year-old stallion for sale at a reasonable figure; sound, sure, and splendidly built. F. B. Pemberton, Victoria, B. C. 48

STRAYED.

STRAYED—From Prospect Lake, brindle cow branded "T"; bell attached to collar. Reward. Address T. Alexander, Hazel P. O. 423

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WANTED—To purchase, 500 cords dry fir wood. Apply Box 412 Colonist. 422

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universities have established commercial colleges that carry courses equivalent to the work of an academic A. B. The result is manifest. They are making captains of industry and their secondary training schools are training the kind of clerks the Canadian banks are seeking abroad. Canadian colleges must, as the English have done, emulate these practical methods. Canadian educational policies must expand to twentieth century practices before the good Dominion people can consistently rebuke the discriminating Bank of Commerce.

York County Loan—The Vancouver News-Advertiser in its issue of yesterday says: "J. B. Mathers, manager of the Dominion Trust Company, the local agent of the liquidators of the York County Loan, stated yesterday that examination of the books showed that some of the collectors had failed to turn in the amounts entrusted to them. These amounts were marked 'deficit,' but just how large they will be has not yet been ascertained. Mr. Mathers says that the Dominion Trust Company will forward the passbooks of shareholders for a nominal charge of \$1, or shareholders may send their books direct to Toronto. The Dominion Trust cannot undertake to forward them gratuitously, as it would entail too much work to be done for nothing. So many shareholders are, however, availing themselves of the services of the Dominion Trust Company that Mr. Mathers thinks it may be advisable for him to go to Toronto to look after the interests of the Vancouver shareholders personally."

Lever's Y-Z (Wise Head) Disinfectant Soap Powder (dusted in the bath, softens the water and disinfects. 38

Christmas Greeting

We wish all our patrons a very Merry Christmas, and we wish to thank them for their patronage in the past, and trust that after Christmas, when we are in our new premises, we may still be favored with their patronage. We also invite the public at large to come and see us, and we will do our best to entertain you while there.

We move on Tuesday, 26th, and we would deem it a favor if you would reserve your orders until Wednesday, 27th, when we will be in a position to fill them properly.

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I CAN GIVE YOU STRENGTH

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The first thought that strikes almost every man when he is confronted with a remedy that he thinks may do him good is, "Will the benefits I receive be only temporary or will they be permanent? To such men I would ask you to read what my patients say:

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Empress of Ireland Is Expected
to Be Launched Next
Month.

The latest and most luxurious of the C. P. R. liners, the new Empress of Britain, intended for the Atlantic service, was launched last month from the yards of the Fairfield Shipbuilding and Engineering Co., at Govan, Scotland. The "Empress of Britain" is the first of two sister ships which the firm contracted to build for the Atlantic mail and passenger service of the C. P. R. The second, the "Empress of Ireland" is well advanced and will be launched next January. These vessels were fully described by us at the time the contracts were let and it is therefore unnecessary to do more than to name the main dimensions. They are 569 ft. in length, 65.6 beam, 40 ft. depth of hold. Their gross tonnage is 14,500 tons on the bottom runs the full length of the ship and the vessels are subdivided by water displacement of 20,000 tons. They are built to Lloyd's three deck and shelter deck 100 A1 class. A Cellular double tight bulkheads, 9 in. all, each extending to the upper deck. Accommodation is provided for 310 first class, 470 second class and 500 third class passengers, all on and above the main deck, and for 270 steerage passengers on the lower deck forward. The ships are propelled by twin screws actuated by quadruple expansion engines balanced on the Yarrow-Schlick-Tweedy system, which reduces vibration to a minimum, challenging the turbine engine itself in that respect. The boilers are nine in number, six double ended and three single ended of the ordinary tubular type, arranged to work under forced draft with a working pressure of 220 lbs. to the

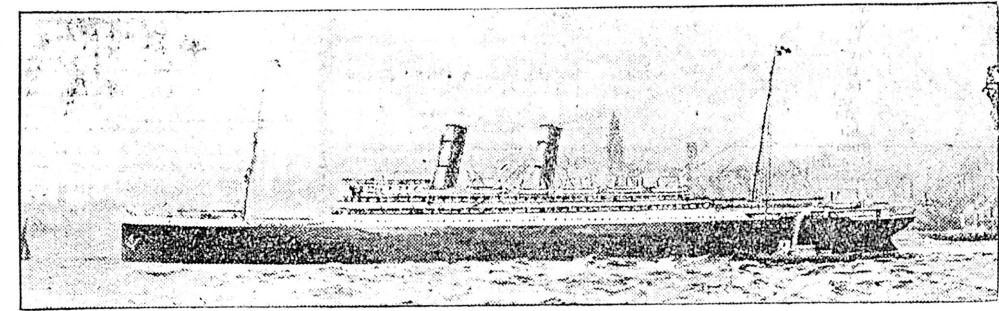
square inch. These steamers will have a sea speed of 18 knots and mark a point of great progress in this company's trans-Atlantic service.

Everything in their equipment is of the most modern type, advantage being taken of the latest improvements on steamships throughout the globe, and many new features for the comfort and convenience of passengers, and the protection of perishable freight being introduced. They will run between Liverpool, Quebec and Montreal, making their first appearance in the St. Lawrence with the opening of navigation next season, and will be larger and faster than any passenger steamship hitherto run on this route. A painting by Arthur Cox,

field Co., says the Pacific Marine Review.

The story runs that the Fairfield people had tendered £210,000 sterling per ship and that despite strong pressure brought to bear by the Canadian Pacific Co., who wished to award the contract to the Fairfield yard, that firm refused to abate its tender one shilling. The Barrow yard on the other hand had tendered £200,000, but determined to secure an even cheaper vessel. Sir Thomas Shanks, who was in charge of the Fairfield yard, said that his rivals had tendered him and giving him only a few days in which to consult his directors and amend his tender, after considerable haggling secured a price of £195,000.

C. P. R. Co's New Atlantic Steamship "Empress of Britain."



R. A., showing the steamship leaving the wharf, has just been received by the Canadian Pacific Railway Co.

The launching of the Empress of Britain, and her sister ship the Empress of Ireland to follow, both 14,500 gross, 569 ft. p. beam 65.6 depth moulded 40 feet to upper deck quadruple expansion engines, sea speed 18 knots, which with rigging appointments and auxiliaries complete will cost £195,000 each, is reminiscent of a rather interesting struggle to obtain the contracts for the original Empress steamers between the Fairfield yard and the Barrow yard, then presided over by Bryce Douglas and between which the rivalry was most bitter and keen, Bryce Douglas having previously been connected with the Fairfield Co., says the Pacific Marine Review.

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EVERY serious Sickness has a small beginning.
And, in nine cases out of ten that small beginning is made in the Bowels.

Indigestion is the beginning of most diseases.
It paves the way for all others.

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And, Indigestion once started, grows fast, corrodes temperament, and discounts happiness, good cheer, capacity.

It does that long before it puts you on the Sick list.
Every thinking Doctor knows why.

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No "Good time" is humanly possible without this.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.

The Colonist begs to wish its readers this morning all a Merry Christmas. The weather is not typical Christmas weather, but snuggled inside of happy homes, with a Christmas spirit and odors of plum pudding pervading the atmosphere, the weather really doesn't matter.

THE MAYORALTY.

The great majority of the electors will regret the decision of Ald. Goodacre not to enter the lists in the mayoralty campaign. His election, if not by acclamation, at least by a very substantial majority, was practically certain. There would have been little, if any, effective opposition.

At present there are only two candidates definitely in the field—Messrs. Charles Hayward and A. J. Morley. Dr. Lewis Hall, ex-Mayor Redfern and ex-Alderman Beckwith have also been mentioned. Dr. Hall is still considering the question, Mr. Redfern has definitely declined, and Mr. Beckwith's attitude is not known.

SIR JOHN HENNIKER-HEATON.

Sir John Henniker-Heaton, who passed through here the other day on his way to England from Australia, and whose views appeared in the Colonist on Sunday morning, was one of the recipients of honors from His Majesty, having been created a K. C. M. G. He has been member for Canterbury since 1885, is well known for his persistent advocacy of postal reforms, many of which he has obtained. His great triumph was achieved in 1898, when his scheme of an Imperial penny postage was adopted. Born at Rochester at 1848, he went at an early age to Australia, marrying in New South Wales in 1873. He is an owner of land and part proprietor of several newspapers on the island continent. Among other work for Australia, he represented the Tasmanian government at the Berlin international cable conference in 1885, and was commissioner for New South Wales at the Indian and Colonial exhibition in the following year. The freedom of the city of London was conferred on him five years ago. The new K. C. M. G. is a progressive Conservative, in favor of fair trade for British manufactures, and is hurrying home to take part in the British elections. Though not highly educated, he is a man of large ability and considerable force.

CHAMBERLAIN'S GREAT SPEECH.

Mr. Chamberlain attacked the enemy in a great meeting held at Oxford before an audience of two thousand members of the university. By the enemy we mean the element in Great Britain opposed to his propaganda of fiscal reform. That he should accept an invitation to go to Oxford, which has been designated "the home of lost causes," an academic centre of political and other progressive movements, not only is an unusual compliment, but it exhibits characteristic courage on the part of the man. That he succeeded before such a critical audience in securing the unanimous endorsement of his policy in a resolution, moved by Dr. Osler, is a still greater tribute to the force and clearness with which he presented his case for their consideration.

The Morning Post, which contains a full report of the speech in question, editorially refers to it as follows: "Oxford, although fanatically loyal to party, is yet critical of phrases and at all times ready to subordinate everything to the call of a great cause. It has found such a call and such a cause in Mr. Chamberlain's appeal to carry on his work for 'the honor, interests and unity of the Empire, and as befits a seat of learning, it has too high a standard of intellectual honesty to be put off from enquiry by historical appeals of dubious accuracy to the time of the Corn Laws, which have no more relevance to the present controversy than the politics of the Aeneas." Taken on the whole the speech is of a high order and calculated to appeal to the intellectual sympathies and political ardor of the students. It was really a great and striking effort. It was an appeal to Young England, which will not find

sponsored to not only in Oxford, but throughout Great Britain and the Empire. It was opposed to Little Englandism, a mighty plea for the unity of the Empire on the basis of mutual interest, of mutual defence, mutual co-operation and the development of a common sentiment.

The speech is full of epigrams, and characterized by keen wit and incisive logic. To start with Mr. Chamberlain expressed his unswerving loyalty to Mr. Balfour in the following language:

Thus ends a chapter of our political history in which Mr. Balfour has been the most important and the principal figure, and in which he has carried out the obligations cast upon him in troublous times with a distinction of which you will find few examples. No man in modern times has been more unscrupulously belied and misrepresented. (Cheers.) Let his enemies—his political enemies, for, of course, he has never made a personal enemy—let his political enemies rejoice if they please; he can say truly that he has never lost a friend. (Cheers.) No man who has ever been associated with him has not gained day by day increased confidence in his ability, his courage, and his integrity. No man has found in the course of his association any diminution in his regard and his affection. (Cheers.) One word I would ask leave to say for myself personally. It has been one of the privileges of my long political career that I have been associated for many years with Mr. Balfour, out of office and in office. I have been proud to work with him in opposition, I have been proud to work with him and under him in a government—(cheers)—and during the whole of that time there as one of the vulnerable spots in the armor of the present government, he had hoped that such men as Sir Edward Grey, Mr. Asquith and Mr. Haldane would save the party from Home Rule, but these men had simply acted the part of politicians. He designated the union between the Liberal Imperialists and the Home Rulers as the greatest political fraud of the time.

What has brought them over? They are satisfied, it appears, with the pledge—a sort of a pledge—given them that no bill for the establishment of a separate parliament in Dublin shall be introduced into the next parliament of the United Kingdom. How is it possible for anyone to contemplate a statement of that kind as anything but a dishonest evasion? (Cheers.) The name is to be abandoned, but the policy is to be the same. There is to be no Home Rule bill. No. There is to be Home Rule by instalments—(laughter)—Home Rule on the hire system. (Loud laughter and cheers.) It is no joking matter. We have, some of us at any rate, given much that men care for in order to preserve this country from disruption. Now we see it threatened in a more insidious form. The administration of Ireland, the executive, the interests of the loyal minority, the provision for law and order—these are all to be handed over to the nominees of Mr. Redmond in return for the payment of eighty-five Irish votes whenever the new government are in an emergency. This is to take the place of a Home Rule bill to take its place for a time until this monstrous betrayal of the interests of the United Kingdom can be legalized by the introduction of a legislative measure. I cannot pretend that I am surprised.

Then he pays his respects to the political record of the new Premier, and wonders how he can assume a position of responsibility in reference has never come between us any difference which has in the slightest degree affected our personal friendship or our political relations. (Cheers.) Now, with little hope, indeed, that I shall convince those who do not want to be convinced, I repeat again what I have said on previous occasions, that although we have had differences, as all men must have, when they endeavor to co-operate, those differences have always been difference of detail, never differences of principle, and they have never interfered in any way nor could have interfered with our perfect co-operation. (Cheers.)

In dealing with Home Rule, to which he paid considerable attention to the defence of the Empire and hold the views he has expressed. He says:

What is to be said of the man who throughout the war always found his country in the wrong and gave to the opponents of his country their greatest argument when he accused British statesmen and British soldiers of "barbarism," and who now is content to make an alliance with those who stood up in the House of Commons and cheered when disasters were reported to the troops of the Queen? (Cries of "Shame," groans and cheers.) Is it surprising that such a man should consistently, when closer intercourse with other parts of the Empire is talked of, denounce it as a "sordid bond?" Can you in reason expect one who is doing his utmost to provoke the disruption of the Kingdom, can you expect him to be enthusiastic when you ask him to support the purposes for the integrity of the Empire? No, ladies and gentlemen, let us bear in mind that the change which the country is asked to make is a change which goes deep down into the very fundamental opinions of parties in this country. You have to choose whether you are separatists and anti-imperialists or whether, on the other hand, you believe, as I do, that is a long worn-out proposition which would reduce this country to its smallest limits and leave it a fifth-rate power in the history of the world. (Cheers.)

He dealt with the fiscal question only lightly, preferring the Imperial side to the economic side of the question, although both were so mixed up as to make it almost impossible to separate them, and remarked:

I might take as my text that well known statement of Adam Smith that "Defence is better than opulence." At any rate, I can say for myself that I have taken up this great question, that I have resolved to devote to it whatever strength and energy yet remain to me, because I am convinced of the importance of Empire in its bearing upon our national future, upon the character of our race, because I believe that upon our decision in regard to this question depends our continued influence on the civilization of the world. (Cheers.) But if I had never felt this before it would have been impressed upon me when for eight years I served in the Colonial Office—(cheers)—when by the nature of that office I was brought into close intercourse and contact with the most distinguished statesmen with the most prominent leaders of our race across the seas, and when I found in their minds as in mine this was the most important and the most urgent question to which a statesman could direct and give his life. (Cheers.)

Mr. Chamberlain called attention to a very significant fact in the development of the Empire, in this language: Our present system was brought into play sixty years ago. You will not find

in the discussions of this time any reference whatever to these Imperialistic considerations which have so much interest for us. The leaders of colonial opinion were not consulted. It did not appear to have struck our politicians and statesmen at that time that our colonies were rising states, and states indeed in their infancy, and that they could have anything to say to the great decision that we were then taking. I must say that under those circumstances, considering that the men who were prominent in imposing upon us our system of free trade, were notoriously hostile to anything in the nature of an Imperial union, that they advocated the separation of the colonies and they considered our occupation of India a crime, that they honestly believed that this Empire of ours was nothing but an expensive encumbrance—is not that in itself a reason why we should think that the future organization of the British Empire, and be prepared with a fair mind to reconsider the whole question? (Cheers.)

Next he traced up the curious and haphazard way in which the colonial possessions were acquired. They came as the result of a few lucky enterprises of explorers and merchants and missionaries and adventurers, practically without government assistance. The first stage was reached when the American colonies sloughed off as the result of official incapacity. In that England only learned half a lesson. Her people began to look upon colonies as an extravagance and a burden, the natural course of which was to become independent. The result of that policy, if it had been successful, would have been to have stripped Great Britain of forty or fifty of her colonies, and left her reduced to two small islands in the Northern Sea with a redundant population, isolated without support or sympathy from any living soul outside, would have sunk into a fifth-rate power, barely existing and at the mercy of its great competitors.

It has been reserved to the present generation to enter upon the third stage or era of Imperial control, "when we have already abandoned the idea of dictating to those offshoots of our country abroad how they shall conduct their own affairs when we recognize that we are all kinsmen in one family, citizens in one commonwealth, and co-partners in one Empire—(cheers)—when it is our hope, our ambition, that they should be hereafter included in the fulness of time, according to their separate position and to their respective progress in civilization, in one self-sufficient and mutually supporting federation."

Said Mr. Chamberlain: I do not envy those who are at the helm of the ship, who will sympathize with them. We live in hope. Those are the best if who try to make the hope, however high the aspirations, however ideal, to make it a practical thing. (Cheers.) In that, I say, we are supported by all the best of our colonial kinsmen. I have not seen the idea which I wish to impress upon you better expressed than it has been some lines from a Canadian poet, which I am going to read to you: "Lord, know the hearts of those who prate afraid to dare or spend."

The doctrine of a narrower state more apt to defend. Not this the watchword of our sires who breathed with ocean's breath. Not this our spirit's ancient fires which might could quench but death. Strong are we? Make us stronger yet. Great? Make us greater far. Our feet Antarctic ocean's feet. Our crown the polar star. Round earth's wild coasts our batteries speak. Our highway is the main. We stand the guardian of the weak. We burst the oppressor's chain.

He believes in the power of sentiment. "I believe," he says, "sentiment is one of the most potent forces in the history and in the making of the world. (Cheers.) I have compared it to those slender wires which, hardly visible, yet carry the enormous electrical energy and force throughout space. But does anyone believe that this power of sentiment without organization can carry the weight to such an Empire as ours? We cannot help feeling that there are contingencies against which we ought to prepare."

The great danger of delay for the Empire is pointed out in most precise terms. If the government wants to find out the sentiment of the colonies on the question, he asks that a free and untrammelled conference be called and let the matter be tested. Shall we, Mr. Chamberlain asks, accept the offer that has been made on behalf of Canada? He gives this warning: I say again the offer may not always be open. I have a quotation here from a Mr. Fielding, one of the most distinguished of Canadian statesmen and finance minister of our great Dominion.

Colonial Offer. Speaking on this subject he says: "But if for further consideration British authorities come to the conclusion that our request is not a reasonable one, if owing to their adherence to certain views they cannot grant us the preference, we shall be free to take our own course. If the British government and people do not show any appreciation of the value of the preference, then so far as the British government and people are concerned they cannot complain if we see fit to modify or change that preferential tariff." That is not a threat. That is a mere commonsense statement of the position made by the Canadian government to the Canadians, who, not in their own interests alone, but moved by greater and more patriotic considerations desire union as much as we do, have already given to you a preference which has doubled the trade with you, are ready now to give a further preference which will enormously increase our mutual intercourse. But they say, "We cannot wait for ever for the answer which you choose to make to our offer. You consider your interests—we do not complain, we do not press this view upon you; we are not supplicants. We made a proposal, it is for you to take it or leave it." If you leave it, will you think what that means these young nations, pushing, vigorous, active, they cannot allow their progress to be stayed for ever by our indecision. The time will come when it will be almost impossible for them to refuse the offers of other suitors if we hold back and appear to relapse into the old time when the last chapter of this history? What will happen if all this commercial intercourse, all these material interests, all these ties which necessarily draw countries together are contracted with other powers than ourselves? Again I quote a Canadian statesman, the prime minister of Canada, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, when he says, "The time has come when either we must drift apart."

The conclusion of his speech was a powerful appeal to Imperial interests, based on both material and sentimental considerations. He pointed to the bogey of the "big" and "little" loaf of bread. A duty of two shillings a quarter meant less than a farthing on a four-pound loaf, while the system would give employment and reduce the cost on other articles of necessity which the laborer is bound to use. It is only a question of arithmetic, he declared, as to how it would work out.

I am an optimist, I am proud to be an optimist. (Hear, hear.) But I would desire of my country if I thought with a small and distant and most improbable loss would appeal and influence them in the consideration of Imperial unity. (Cheers.) I would be discouraged and disheartened if they were, for the first time in the history of our race, to huddle over farthings when the very existence of the British Empire was at stake. (Cheers.) To my mind is inconceivable

that the lessons of the late war should be forgotten. What happened then? In our stress, in our darkest day, when every foreign power, rejoiced in our ill-success, gloated over our approaching downfall, who came to our rescue? Who was there to look to throughout the whole world? Those of our blood who in spite of some discouragement and of insufficient gratitude, gave to us of their bravest, and who helped us with the moral sympathy which enabled us to hold our heads up before the world. (Loud and long continued cheering.) And I would in saying that such a friendship—a friendship so proved in time of need—is a friendship to be cultivated by every means in our power, by every opportunity, which is offered to us. We should reinforce this sentiment by every material interest that we can devise, we should lay as deeply as we can, even at some cost to ourselves, the foundation of the future organization of the British Empire, as even now, in its youth is the most varied, the most varied, the most promising, the most varied, the most promising, which in the future must be, if we are true to our faith, the most powerful instrument for beneficially influencing the destinies of mankind. (Loud and continued cheers.)

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Still broods o'er earth's dim din,
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A face I loved has vanished,
A voice I knew is still
The joy of life is banished,
The Cross is on the hill.

I turn me to the fable,
I bow me to the rod;
Still in an Eastern stable
I find the infant God.

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Mayoralty Contest
Arouses Interest

Statement That Chas. Hayward
Will Be a Candidate Well
Received.

Quartette of Aspirants Likely to
Be in Field—Some Muni-
cipal Gossip.

Outside of the Christmas festivities the topic of the hour is the approaching municipal election, and the question of who will be mayor for the ensuing year is heard on all sides. Although there have been several names mentioned it is very likely that the contest will simmer down to two or three. At the present time only one has definitely decided to stand for election—A. J. Morley. Mr. C. E. Redfern, whose name has been mentioned as a possible candidate, has positively declined to present himself for election.

Ald. Hall is another whose name has been favorably received, but up to the present time he has not reached a decision. In conversation with a Colonist representative yesterday Ald. Hall stated that at present he had the matter under consideration, but was not ready to make a decision. He had fully made up his mind a few weeks ago, but when it was learned that W. G. Cameron and Ald. Goodhere were expected to be candidates he withdrew his name. Ald. Hall has been waited on by a number of influential citizens who are desirous of having him run. He has not yet given them a decision. It is expected that a petition will be presented to him on Tuesday requesting him to allow his name to be placed on the list of candidates. Ex-Ald. J. L. Beckwith has a very large following of friends, and it was impossible to locate the gentleman yesterday to find his views on the subject. Mr. Beckwith was an alderman for a number of years and has a large number of friends who would be very pleased to have his name on the list of candidates.

The dark horse of the election is A. J. Morley. He has definitely decided to offer himself for election and in his address to the ratepayers he states:

"Having been requested by a large number of ratepayers, I feel in duty bound to offer my services, and do so the more willingly, believing the people to be weary of the influences exercised by corporate companies over city affairs; that they are prepared for municipal control and gradual ownership of public utilities; for the replacing of the present high rates for light with the minimum for gas service; for a more efficient service of the city; for a more efficient service of the department of works; for the safeguarding of the city's interests in the disposal of the sewage reserve; and for open dealings of the council."

The possible candidature of Mr. Chas. Hayward has aroused considerable interest, and from what was gathered yesterday of the feeling of the ratepayers there is little doubt that if he is induced to run, his return is practically assured. There are kindly recollections of the very efficient way in which Mr. Hayward discharged the onerous and responsible duties of the office while serving as mayor in 1900, 1901 and 1902, and the practical and advantageous results that followed the progressive policy of those years continue to bear evidence of his wise and far-seeing administration, and his well-known independence of all outside influences makes his candidature at this time particularly opportune and acceptable.

To a Colonist representative yesterday Mr. Hayward stated he did not wish it to be understood that he was positively a candidate. It was likely, however, that if, as he was informed, there was a general desire for his services he would be happy in complying with it. There was, however, plenty of time to discuss municipal affairs after the advent of the new year without injecting possible disturbing influences into the prevailing peace and good will of this festive season.

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NOW LAKE BUNTZEN.

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Lake Buntzen is now the officially recognized name of the lake which primarily was the source of supply for the Vancouver Power company, the power auxiliary of the British Columbia electric railway says the New Westminster Columbian.

When the company's tunnel was formally opened, it was suggested that the name of the lake should be changed out of compliment to General Manager Buntzen, who more than any other man was responsible for the great work carried out there. On the official maps of the Dominion, the lake was designated Trout lake, while the provincial government maps named it Lake Beautiful. To avoid possible trouble over these conflicting names and to give effect to the popular wish to honor the active head of the company, the Dominion government was formally requested to change the name. Yesterday General Manager Buntzen received official notification from the Dominion government that the request had been granted and that hereafter Lake Beautiful or Trout lake, shall be known as Lake Buntzen.

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Many a new article can be bought at the old church, corner Broad and Pandora street, one-half of regular prices and suitable for Christmas gifts.

Mission Dinner.—This evening at the W. C. T. U. mission hall on Yates street a special Christmas dinner will be served to which all, regardless of class or creed, are invited.

Excursion Rates.—During the holiday season excursion rates prevail on all the C. P. R. lines, a rate of \$3 being granted for the round trip between Victoria and Vancouver. The next tickets will be on sale December 30, good to return not later than January 3.

Died on Sunday.—The death occurred yesterday at the family residence, No. 34 King's road, of Margaret Blair, oldest daughter of Robert and Hannah Erskine. The funeral has been arranged to take place tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock from the above residence.

A Late Boat.—In order to accommodate visitors who will eat their Christmas dinner in Victoria the C. P. R. has arranged to delay the departure of the Princess Beatrice for the Sound this evening until 11 o'clock. The usual sailing hour is 9 p. m., and the new arrangement will accommodate many holiday sojourners.

Presentation to Hostess.—Mrs. James Patterson of the King Edward hotel was the recipient of a very unique and appropriate gift at the hands of the guests of the hotel. The fine electric sign that now adorns the main entrance to the King Edward was presented to her with cordial seasons greetings and the best of good luck by the regular boarders and a number of commercial travelers who make the hotel their home when in Victoria. The presentation was made by R. Wilson, building inspector of the C. P. R. The sign was made in the workshops of the Algonquin Co. Ltd. and is an artistic piece of electrical work.

St. Paul's School Treat.—The annual Christmas treat and entertainment of St. Paul's Sabbath school took place on Friday evening. Supper was served under the direction of the teachers at 5:30 and for two hours the children enjoyed themselves to their hearts' content in play until 8 o'clock, when, for an hour and a half Mr. O. C. Hastings entertained and instructed young and old by a display of stereoscopic views, his own production of scenes connected with the early history of the city, and some splendid views of scenes and life at St. Michaels, Nome, etc. Cordial thanks were given to Mr. Hastings for an entertainment as interesting as it was instructive.

Disillusioned Dawdies.—Last summer ninety Australians arrived en route to Zion City, all being converts to Dowieism. Officers of the steamer Miowera which arrived Saturday report that many returned to Australia on the steamer's last outward trip. When they left they understood they were to be found in employment and were to give one-fourth of their earnings to the Zion authorities. For the first six months they found plenty of work, mainly because the Chicago and Milwaukee electric railway, which passed through Zion, was in course of construction, and Zionists were employed on the work. Mr. Hall one of those who returned stated that since that time he found very little to do, with the exception of shovelling snow off streets. There were about 10,000 inhabitants in Zion when he arrived, but since then many had left, and the number did not exceed 6,000 at the present time. Of the 90 Australians who went over in the Aorangi with him fully two-thirds had left. Work was scarce and the outlook very unfavorable. It was reported Mr. Dowie was saving money to put into some land in Mexico, where he intended starting a Paradise plantation.

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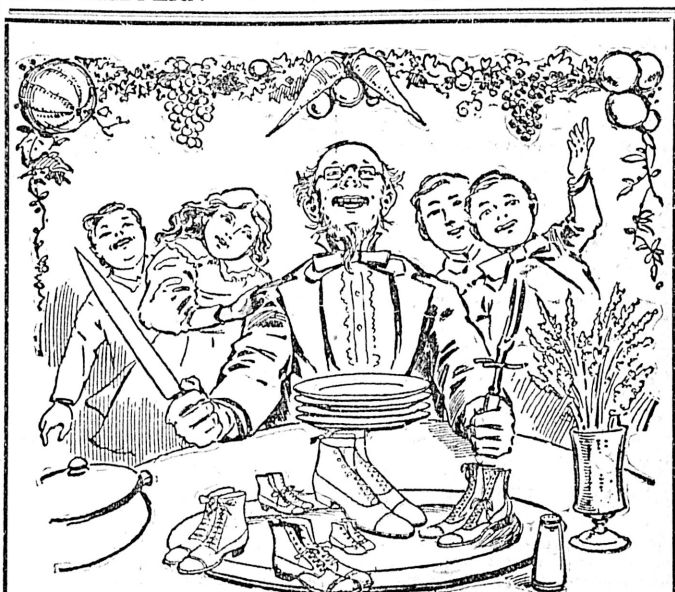
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2.....2,554	27.....1,105	52.....372	77.....178
3.....452	28.....1,596	53.....371	78.....2,307
4.....1,246	29.....9	54.....214	79.....303
5.....1,247	30.....2,301	55.....2,250	80.....1,973
6.....2,790	31.....650	56.....2,273	81.....1,592
7.....272	32.....1,907	57.....479	82.....2,630
8.....1,080	33.....502	58.....1,428	83.....903
9.....731	34.....1,848	59.....1,438	84.....803
10.....1,081	35.....1,513	60.....2,635	85.....2,244
11.....822	36.....2,563	61.....154	86.....1,702
12.....2,553	37.....629	62.....320	87.....1,170
13.....1,080	38.....2,021	63.....2,470	88.....2,428
14.....1,286	39.....2,142	64.....1,039	89.....590
15.....1,218	40.....1,790	65.....480	90.....540
16.....1,572	41.....2,312	66.....1,552	91.....1,414
17.....2,210	42.....781	67.....1,021	92.....1,301
18.....2,268	43.....607	68.....1,433	93.....118
19.....1,755	44.....1,082	69.....533	94.....1,074
20.....683	45.....2,695	70.....2,645	95.....2,551
21.....1,474	46.....185	71.....2,406	96.....2,122
22.....1,270	47.....1,187	72.....2,406	97.....2,122
23.....363	48.....2,146	73.....2,292	98.....1,471
24.....1,046	49.....2,548	74.....2,452	99.....1,703
25.....2,693	50.....2,611	75.....2,481	100.....1,817

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FIFTY prizes, ranging in value from \$75 down to 50c., to be drawn for January 20. Every purchaser to the value of 50c. receives a numbered ticket, entitling the holder to a draw for these prizes. The first prize is a very large and handsome Japanese vase.

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Russia Faces

Armed Rebellion

Revolutionaries' Threat of Civil War May Materialize Within 48 Hours.

Insufficiency of Arms Among People Lend Confidence to Government.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 24.—(3:30 p. m.)

—With Moscow's baptism of blood the revolutionaries made good their threat to transform the strike into armed rebellion, and the next forty-eight hours must determine whether they can marshal sufficient strength to plunge the country into an active state of civil war and seriously threaten the immediate downfall of the government.

The government professes confidence that the whole attempt will fail, owing to the insufficiency of arms in possession of the proletariat and by reason of the loyalty of the army as a whole, but its calculations might again be rudely upset. A few arsenals might be seized to furnish arms, or the open support of a few regiments might start a landslide in the army. Certainly the shrewdest of the revolutionary leaders fully appreciate that the issue must be decided by the attitude of the army, which has yet to cast the die. Instructions have gone forth that risings must occur everywhere in order to keep the troops, and if a foothold can be secured, it is the intention of the revolutionaries to set up a provisional government and proclaim a republic.

Fidelity of Troops Doubtful

Thus far reports from Moscow do not clear up the vital point as to whether any of the troops there actually refused to obey commands, although there are persistent rumors that they did. Revolutionary leaders here claim to have confirmation of a report that a grenadier brigade and some Cossacks mutinied and are now locked up in their barracks.

While the military succeeded everywhere in driving the insurgents from their barracks in Moscow Saturday Night, the defeat was evidently not a decisive one, as barricades were again thrown up in dozens of places this morning and fighting resumed before 11 o'clock.

The Associated Press understands that orders have been issued for an uprising here, but the government's measures seemingly render this impossible. No meetings, public or private, are allowed, which makes an assembly of more than five persons in a private lodging illegal.

The Prisons and Jails Are Filled with revolutionary leaders and agitators. Two coaches of arms have been seized and an entire organization consisting of 300 "crujina," as the student militia is called, has been captured.

Rumors were purposely circulated that a conflict would be inaugurated at a demonstration of workmen in the Nevsky prospect this afternoon, but they proved to be unfounded. It was a bright, crisp winter day, and smart sleighs and equipages of the aristocracy, the bourgeois, and the middle class and other rich furs, were out in force. Only the sullen faces of the crowds of strikers on the sidewalks and the heavy horse and foot patrols on every block looked ominous.

If the plans of the revolutionaries to produce an uprising in St. Petersburg

fail, as it is believed they will, an attempt certainly will be made to terrorize the government by guerrilla warfare, in which bombs will play the chief role. The government having embarked on a war against the "reds," it is difficult to see how it can draw back one step.

The acceptance by Governor-General Dubouff of Moscow of the offer of the notorious reactionary, Prince Tcherbatoff, to organize the "loyalists" as a militia, has created a shudder of horror.

SCHOONER WRECKED.

Cape Henry, Va., Dec. 24.—The schooner E. H. Moore, bound from Norfolk to Wear Neck, Virginia, with a cargo of tiles and shingles, stranded this morning one mile south of Island life station, the men attached to which saved the crew. The vessel was a total loss.

PRINCE OF FLANDERS' SALARY.

Deputies Vote \$40,000 Grant Amid Violent Anti-Royalist Demonstration.

Brussels, Dec. 24.—The chamber of deputies today by a vote of 82 to 1 passed the bill making an annual grant of \$40,000 to Prince Albert of Flanders, the heir apparent to the Belgian throne. During the debate there were violent anti-royalist speeches and cries of "long live the republic."

MOROCCAN CONFERENCE.

Paris, Dec. 24.—The minister of marine has ordered the commander of the northern squadron to have his cruiser division in readiness to start immediately on receipt of orders for an unknown destination. Officers and men on Christmas leave have been telegraphed to return to their ships. It is believed the division will go to the Morocco coast during the coming conference on Moroccan reforms.

A BRAKEMAN KILLED.

Wreck on Lehigh Valley Road Caused Death of One Man.

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 24.—In a wreck on the Lehigh Valley branch of the Lehigh Valley road, near the state experiment station, last night, a brakeman, a brother of General X. Y. was killed. The car in which he was standing jumped the track in a narrow cut, the brakeman being thrown off and the car toppling over on him. He was crushed to death.

DEWEY'S XMAS GREETINGS.

Sends Seasonable Message to Fo'castle and Quarter Deck.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Admiral Dewey has prepared the following Christmas message to the officers and crew of the American navy throughout the world, which, it is expected, will reach practically every American warship some time Christmas day: "My Christmas greetings to the officers and men of the navy. Let us all unite in wishing for the good of the country and the service." (Signed) George Dewey.

U. S. ORIENTAL TRADE.

Report of Department of Commerce Shows Vast Growth of Business.

Washington, Dec. 24.—No feature of the export trade of the United States in 1905 has shown a larger growth than the trade with China and Japan, says a bulletin issued by the statistician of the department of commerce and labor. In the ten months ending with October exports to China aggregated more than \$50,000,000 in value, against \$20,000,000 in the same months of 1904, and \$13,000,000 in the corresponding months of 1903. Exports to Japan were \$16,500,000, against \$12,200,000 in the same period in 1904, and \$16,000,000 in the corresponding months of 1903.

METAL TRADES ASSOCIATION.

Movement on Foot to Combine All Employers in United States.

New York, Dec. 24.—That the members of the National Metal Trades Association are seeking to bring the 5,000 employers throughout the country together so that they will be able to meet the demands of their 350,000 workmen was indicated yesterday, when the executive committee of the New York Metal Trades Association was requested to consider the proposition to affiliate with the national body, which will meet on the second Thursday in January. If the New York employers join the Metal Trades Association, other large cities, it is said, will do likewise. Henry C. Hunter, secretary of the New York Metal Trades Association, issued this statement:

"The movement has been under consideration for some time; it is of the utmost importance that the New York employers should have an understanding with the employers in the shop trades.

"The open shop system is now generally prevalent in the boilermaking and blacksmith shops. A demand by the blacksmiths for the renewal of the trade agreement has been ignored by the employers. I do not know whether the demand for the closed shop will be made next year, but the open shops have come to stay."

ON QUESTION OF SUNDAY OBSERVANCE

Circular Emanating From Nelson Which Is of Much Interest.

F. J. Deane, editor of the Daily News, Nelson, B. C., has forwarded the following communication to The Colonist to call attention to the following from the Nelson, B. C., Daily News, of December 19, and to suggest that you enter vigorous protest against the attempt of the Lord's Day Alliance to interfere with the rights and liberties of the Canadian people in the manner proposed by the measure set forth in the petition now being circulated throughout the Dominion:

Sunday Observance

We have read with very great pleasure a communication by the Rev. H. S. Akhurst to the Kamloops Standard, dealing with the subject of Sunday observance in general, and the proposed Lord's Day Alliance measure in particular. Mr. Akhurst writes with commendable frankness and we trust that his example will be widely followed by the clergy throughout British Columbia. The Dominion government and the parliament of Canada should be given to understand clearly and unequivocally that the legislation proposed by the Lord's Day Alliance is in direct variance with the conceptions of liberty and justice held by the great mass of the people of this country. Rev. Mr. Akhurst's timely letter reads as follows:

Dear Sir—There have been sent to me forms of petitions to the Senate and Commons of Canada seeking the enactment of legislation on Sunday observance. May I be permitted space in your paper in which to explain why I am unable to sign these or canvass for signatures. These petitions must be taken in connection with the existing laws of the land which are strenuously advocating. These petitions, besides making illegal the Sunday observance in many innocent recreations, will deprive many working people of the only opportunity they now enjoy of spending a few hours in the beautiful open air of the country, and so escaping for a brief spell the soul-deadening surroundings of their daily life. This act will not prevent the rich from using their own carriages, boats and other conveyances, or from employing their domestic servants on the Lord's Day, but the poor who cannot afford such possessions, and have few, if any opportunities other than Sunday of using public conveyances for pleasure, will be debarred from doing so on that day. Must we conclude that hired service is for the rich a necessity, but for the poor a degradation of the Sabbath? Is it just to refuse a public concession of those kinds of recreation to the poor which the rich have long taken without hesitation? Above all, is it wise to multiply restrictions and requirements beyond what is essential, when we know that men so hemmed in by artificial barriers will become hardened and prepared to transgress commandments of divine and eternal obligation? Let us in all lawful expedient ways secure for the poor the same day of rest, though that may not in all cases or on all occasions coincide with the Sunday. By all means lawful let us try to lead men to what we believe is the true and better way of life. As Christians we have no right to go further than St. Paul did when "one man esteemed one day above another," while "another esteemed every day alike." Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind.

Much of the work of the L. D. A. is commendable, at their proposed law in the present form seems neither advisable nor just, and to sign their petitions, though very general in form, would signify approval of the law. Thanking you for your courtesy, I am, Sir, very respectfully,
H. S. AKHURST.

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Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 24.—In a fight at Walden on the Chesapeake & Potomac between Robert Lane and Spencer on one side and Conductor Faulkner and railway detectives Howers and Spencer on the other, Robert Lane was probably fatally shot through the abdomen. Henry Lane was shot in the back and a negro porter was shot through the arm.

When the train left Charleston it was crowded and the Lane brothers could not find seats in the day coach. They went into the chair car and refused to pay fare for seats. The conductor called Howers and Spencer to assist him. At Walden the Lanes got off and a fight followed.

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A. J. C. GALLETT, Manager Bank of Montreal.

NOTICE is hereby given that I intend to apply at the next sitting of the Licensing Court for transfer to the City of Victoria, up till 3 o'clock on Tuesday, the 26th day of December, 1905.

Marion Patterson.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session, for an Act to incorporate a Company with power to acquire, purchase, construct and operate the undertakings of the Vancouver and Victoria Railway Company; the Alberni and Cowichan Railway Company; the Kamloops and Atlin Railway Company; and the Midway and Vernon Railway Company; and to acquire all the rights, powers and privileges of the said Companies; and with power to exercise all the powers contained in the Acts of Incorporation of the said Companies; and with power to acquire, purchase, construct and operate the undertakings of any other Railway Company or Companies; and with power to subscribe for and purchase the stock, bonds, debentures or other securities of any Railway Company; and with power to increase the capital of the Company to be incorporated; and with power to issue shares as fully paid up, and to borrow money on the Company's assets by any form of security; and with power to promote any Railway Company or Companies, or to amalgamate with any Company or Companies; and with all the other and necessary powers conducive to the carrying out of the Company's undertaking.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 22nd day of November, 1905.

ROBERTSON & ROBERTSON, Solicitors for the Applicants.

NOTICE

Re Municipal Elections Act, and Amendment Act, 1905.

The attention of persons wishing to qualify as "Householders" or "Licenseholders" at the Municipal Election to be held in January, 1906, is called to the fact that forms of declaration may be obtained and the necessary declaration may be made at the office of the City Assessor, City Hall, Douglas Street, within office hours and office hours, between, and including, December and December 31, 1905. Attention is also called to the following provision of Section 3 of the said Act, namely: "No declaration shall be accepted by the Clerk unless it be delivered within 48 hours after it is made. Provided all declarations shall be delivered before 5 o'clock in the afternoon of the day on which the list is closed by the Clerk."

By Order of the Municipal Council.

WELLINGTON J. CITY CLERK.

Victoria, B. C., November 29, 1905. n30

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, 30 days prior date, I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special licence to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands:

No. 1. Commencing at a post on the Southeast end of Seymour Inlet, thence 60 chains East, thence 80 chains North, thence 100 chains West, thence 40 chains South, thence 100 chains East, thence 100 chains South to the shore line of said Seymour Inlet, thence 100 chains East to the shore line of said Inlet, thence 80 chains West to the point of commencement.

No. 2. Commencing at a post located at the Southwest corner of No. 1, thence 100 chains West, thence 40 chains South to the shore line of said Seymour Inlet, thence 100 chains East to the shore line of said Inlet, thence 80 chains North to the point of commencement.

No. 3. Commencing at a post on the North shore line of said Seymour Inlet, thence 80 chains North, thence 80 chains West, thence 80 chains South to the shore line of said Inlet, thence 80 chains East to the shore line of said Inlet, thence 80 chains West to the point of commencement.

No. 4. Commencing at a post planted on the North shore line of Seymour Inlet, thence 80 chains North, thence 80 chains West, thence 80 chains South to the shore line of said Inlet, thence 80 chains East to the shore line of said Inlet, thence 80 chains West to the point of commencement.

Dated 11th December, 1905.

JOHN C. SWEET.

In the Matter of the Companies Winding-up and Amalgamating Acts, and in the Matter of F. C. Davidge & Co., Limited.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that F. C. Davidge & Co., Limited, having gone into liquidation, the undersigned, as the appointed liquidator, have appointed Sydney Child, Barrister-at-Law, of Law Chambers, Bastion Square, Victoria, B. C., as liquidator for the purpose of winding up.

The creditors of the above named Company are required, on or before the 18th day of January, 1906, to send their names and addresses, and the particulars of their debts or claims, and the names or addresses of their Solicitors, if any, to the undersigned, and if so required by notice in writing, from the said liquidator, are by their Solicitors or personally, to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 13th day of December, 1905.

ROBERTSON & ROBERTSON, Of No. 32 Langley Street, Victoria, B. C., Solicitors for the above-named Liquidator.

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Empress of India For the Orient

Passengers on White Liner Selling Tonight Will Not Have New Year's Day.

Portland May Be Total Loss— Description of the Turbine Liner Maheno.

R. M. S. Empress of India, which will sail tonight for the usual point of call in the Far East, with a fair complement of passengers and a good cargo of general freight, will have a voyage with a unique feature. Her passengers will have no New Year's Day. Leaving port tonight, the steamer will arrive at the 150th meridian on the last day of the year, and with the customary dropping of the day the passengers will lose their New Year's Day. The year 1906 will start for them on the second day, and the day on which the good resolutions are made will be lost to them as though it had never been. The Empress of Japan's ship's company will spend Christmas Day at sea, but had that liner left Yokohama two days earlier, they would have lost their Christmas Day. The Empress of Japan sailed from Yokohama on December 22 and is due here on January 2.

GALE BLOWING.

The heavy gale which began on Saturday night continued yesterday off the entrance to the straits, blowing at the rate of 45 miles an hour from the southward at noon. Later the wires to the cape were prostrated by the storm.

THE HILL LINERS.

Honolulu Call May Cause Rate War Between G. N. and Frisco Lines.

The proposed new schedule for the Hill liners, which will include a stop at Honolulu on their return trip from the Orient, is causing much discussion among shipping men. The Seattle Post-Intelligencer. Officers of the big steamship companies in Seattle are of the opinion that the proposed stop at Honolulu will have a wide-reaching effect on the shipping of the entire Pacific coast. They state that the Pacific Mail, Oceanic Steamship Company and Oriental and Occidental Steamship Company, which practically control the business from Honolulu, will fight the new schedule and it will, in all probability, precipitate a rate war.

There is but little doubt that if the Great Northern were to include Honolulu in the list of ports, the other Oriental lines to Seattle would follow their example. The vessels would also most probably touch at San Francisco, after leaving the Hawaiian Islands. In order to retaliate the San Francisco firms would be almost sure to send boats to Seattle to take part of the business of the Great Northern. Their steamers would in all probability take in Seattle on the return trip from the Orient. In this way the entire schedules of the Pacific coast may be changed.

Officers of the Great Northern Steamship Company refuse to discuss the matter, stating that it lies with Mr. Hill as to whether or not the change will be made.

THE WRECKED PORTLAND.

Vessel Is Leaking Badly and May Be a Total Wreck.

Further particulars regarding the wreck of the steamer Portland on the Alaska coast show the vessel may be a total loss. The Portland left Juneau December 19, bound for Seattle. On the night of December 21 a heavy fog set in. In order to pass the straits the vessel encountered. It is presumed by the officers of the company that the needle of the compass was affected by the ore cargo, and in place of following her course down the channel, the vessel went a point or two too much to starboard.

Spire Island is small and covered with rocks. It is located in the middle of the Bering Sea, north of the Tonga straits. The passengers will most probably be transferred to Ketchikan at once and will await the arrival of one of the coasting steamers. Advances from Seward state that thirty people boarded the vessel in that port.

The Portland is loaded with 600 tons of ore from the Ellamar mines, consigned to the Tacoma smelter. The fact that the ore is on board will hinder the work of saving the ship. Before tugs can go to her aid she will have become so tightly wedged that it will be impossible to pull her off, or she will have gone to pieces. The officers of the Alaska Commercial Company are now making preparations to despatch tugs to the aid of the vessel. It will be at least three days before aid can

reach her. A full wrecking equipment will be sent North and every possible effort will be made to save the steamer. The steamer was built in Bath, Me., in 1885. Shortly after her launching she came to this coast, and has been used around the Sound or on the Alaska run ever since. Captain Lindquist, her master, is one of the best known skippers on the North Pacific.

THE MAHENO.

Description of New Turbine Which Will Come to Victoria.

The fine new turbine steamer Maheno, which will be sent to Sydney for Victoria and Vancouver on her first trip in the Canadian-Australian service in April, is a splendidly equipped modern passenger steamer. Her dimensions are 400 ft. x 32 ft. 6 in. moulded, to upper, and she has almost a complete shade deck, with a boat deck over a large portion thereof. She is elaborately fitted out for passenger service, carrying 225 first class, 116 second, and 60 third class. The requirements of the cargo service have not been neglected, as will be seen from the fact that her hold is capable of carrying with not less than 3,000 tons of deadweight on board, while if loaded down to her marks she could carry more than this.

The first class dining saloon is situated on the upper deck forward, and has table accommodation for 98 passengers. Light is obtained by means of large square opening windows on the sides and fore end, also from a well in centre of saloon, which is covered by an elliptical dome filled in with stained glass. The framing and decoration of this spacious apartment is in the classic style, freely treated. The wood employed being light oak, dull polished. The lights are divided into bays by Ionic pilasters, which are surmounted by spandril arches and frieze, and which is much enhanced by a restrained use of good carving. The background is narrow vertical reeded wood, tinted a soft green, which very successfully emphasizes the design.

The first class saloon vestibule is a roomy place, the full width of the ship, and to serve a double purpose is fitted with tables, chairs, etc., which enables it to act as the part of the dining saloon. It is framed in walnut of a simple yet effective design, and the panels are in beautifully figured satinwood. The first class music saloon, which is situated in the forward deck house, on the shade deck, is a spacious and lofty apartment, designed in the "Adams" style, and finished in ivory white, the ornament being in carved relief work and carving.

The vessel is propelled by a set of Parsons' patent turbines, constructed by Messrs. Denny & Co. of Dumbarton. There are three turbines, one high and two low, each working three shafts, with three propellers in all. The condensers are placed fore and aft, at the side of the turbines. Steam is supplied by four cylindrical water heaters, two double-ended and two single, and a working pressure of 150 pounds per square inch, and fitted with Howden's system of forced draught. The go-astern turbines are contained within the low pressure, and work on the wing shafts. The reversing gear is particularly well arranged, the whole of the engines being easily controlled by a single lever. The auxiliary machinery is very complete.

At her first official trial, at full power, with all boilers in use, the Maheno easily attained a mean speed of 17.5 knots; and at the second trial, which had to be done with a third of the boilers shut down, the speed maintained for six hours, as per contract, was 16.4 knots, considerably over the guarantee.

MARINE NOTES.

Steamer Queen sailed last night from the outer dock for San Francisco with a fair complement of passengers. The Princess Victoria en route from the outer dock at the outer dock to transship some of her passengers to the Queen.

The shaft of the steamer Alice Gertrude broke Saturday afternoon when the vessel was about six miles outside of Dungeness. She was picked up by the tug Dolphin and the revenue cutter Arcata and towed to Port Townsend.

Captain E. L. West, master of the steamer Corwin, which was operated on the run from Nome to the Arctic, and which is now laid up for the winter in Eagle harbor, went East last night to inspect several steamers on which the Pacific Coast & Transportation Company has options. Only one vessel will be purchased. She will be used on the Alaska run, possibly the run to Valdez.

KING OF ALL COUGH MEDICINES.

Mr. E. G. Case, a mail carrier of Canton Center, Conn., who has been in the U. S. service for about sixteen years, says: "We have tried many cough medicines for cough, but Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is king of all and one to be relied upon. We have used it and find it the best remedy for coughs and colds, giving certain results and leaving no bad after effects. We are never without it in the house." For sale by all druggists.

SANTA CLAUS BURNED.

Leicester, Mass., Dec. 24.—While taking the part of Santa Claus at a Christmas tree in the parish house of the Unitarian church, Fred M. Frye, assistant teacher of the Leicester academy, was dangerously burned last night. Two others who assisted in putting out the fire were burned less severely. Frye may die.

KOOTENAY FRUIT

GROWERS' WORK

Association Decides to Incorporate for Coming Year—The Outlook Bright.

The last meeting of the Kootenay Fruit Growers' Association for 1905, an adjourned meeting, was held in the city hall yesterday afternoon, beginning at 1 o'clock and remaining in session over three hours, says the Nelson News of Friday.

Although the time elapsed since the regular meeting was too short to allow of the completion of all details of incorporation and the collection of subscriptions for stock and interest, the act under which incorporation is sought, substantial progress has been made, and no doubt is entertained that at the annual meeting in January everything will be in readiness for the winding up of the present association, and the chartered company's existence will begin. The company will be composed of men actually engaged in fruit growing, though not necessarily as their only occupation. Each member will subscribe for at least one \$5 share and many for a much larger amount, but no individual member is permitted to hold more than a tenth of the whole stock.

The capital stock of the company will be \$5,000, of which 25 per cent, or \$1,250, must be paid up. The objects of the society include all the conceivable purposes for which fruit growers may wish to co-operate. The immediate co-operative action of the company will consist of collective purchasing of all materials required by the members, seeds, nursery stock, spraying materials and crates and boxes for packing, and collective shipping and selling by officers of the association. It is expected that by such means the members will be able to buy what they need at greatly reduced prices, and dispose of their product on much better terms than any of them could individually.

Negotiations are in progress and will probably be satisfactorily concluded by which all the crates to be used by the members of the association will be manufactured in Nelson by the Kootenay Wire Works Company.

A long discussion took place on a communication from the East Kootenay Farmers' Institute asking for joint action in petitioning the government to investigate the title of the British Columbia & Alberta Reclamation company to the lands held by it in the valley of the Kootenay River. The farmers of that district protest that the company has neglected to perform the undertakings in consideration for which the land was granted; also that while only such land was intended to be granted as is subject to annual overflow, the company's surveys include a bench land to which they have no right, and which, therefore, should be thrown open for settlement.

It was explained by T. G. Procter that the company is still at work on the scheme of reclamation by widening the outlet of the various narrow valleys on Kootenay River and has therefore neglected its duties, and that the inclusion of corners of bench land was necessary in running the survey lines.

At the meeting there were present James Johnston (president), T. M. Sturgess (secretary), T. M. Sturgess and Mrs. Sturgess, A. Cameron, J. Laing Stocks, T. G. Procter, J. Williams, S. S. Fraser, G. Fleming, J. McPhee, J. E. Annable, J. W. Holmes, O. J. Wighin of Creston, W. J. Salmons, C. H. Bourke and several others.

T. Morley reported for the committee on incorporation that excellent progress was being made, that the subscription of the necessary amount of stock was assured, and that all would be ready for completion by the date of the annual meeting.

The secretary also read a letter from E. R. Anderson, deputy minister of agriculture, in which was stated that nothing in the act forbade the payment of 10 per cent interest on subscriptions, though the rate seemed rather high.

Mr. Morley reported that T. M. Sturgess and himself had visited New Denver as instructed. They visited many orchards and were most hospitably entertained. A well-attended meeting of fruit-growers was held, at which both delivered addresses on the benefits of co-operation.

IN PRAISE OF CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY.

Very few medicines have received so much praise and so many expressions of gratitude as Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Grateful parents everywhere testify to its merits. It is a certain cure for cough and will prevent the attack if given at the first appearance of the disease. It is especially adapted to children, as it is pleasant to take and contains nothing injurious. Mr. E. A. Humphreys, a well known resident and clerk in the store of Mr. E. Lock, of Alice, Cape Colony, South Africa, says: "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to ward off colds in my family. I found it to be very satisfactory, and it gives me pleasure to recommend it." For sale by all druggists.

EPIDEMIC OF GLANDERS.

Outbreak in Interior Very Serious—Many Horses Have Been Killed.

The Vernon News in its issue of Friday last says: "The following column is a correspondent presents views on the glanders situation, which are an accurate expression of the sentiments entertained and the arguments put forward by horse owners all over the district. In brief, the points made by those who are opposed to the radical measures adopted by the authorities to stamp out the disease are that the wholesale destruction of horses spells ruin to a large number of small farmers in the district; that it does not seem right to slaughter fine animals capable of doing many an honest day's work on evidence so tangible as that of mallein test; that the disease cannot be contagious until the clinical symptoms are exhibited, and that, therefore, the destruction of animals not showing such symptoms is an injustice."

"The veterinary authorities, on the other hand, claim that 'the use of mallein as a diagnostic reagent has long passed out of the experimental stage,' and that, although not absolutely infallible, it is a trustworthy test; that the disease is a most dangerous one, not only to horses but also to man, and that this menace to human life should not be weighed against animal life or pecuniary loss; that any glandered horse is liable to spread contagion, whether manifesting clinical symptoms or not, and that no system of periodical inspection would be adequate to keep the disease in check."

"In this connection it may be well to mention that the most elaborate experiments have been undertaken in Europe before the efficacy of the mallein test was acknowledged and adopted by the various governments. In 1901, 1902

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and 1903 in Hungary 458 horses suspected of glanders underwent the mallein test. Of those suspected of the disease, 379 were destroyed in consequence of the test. The post mortem examination proved that 356 (93.9 per cent.) of them were glandered. Of 377 head suspected of infection and destroyed on account of the mallein test, 344 head (91.2 per cent.) were found, post mortem, to be suffering from glanders.

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Better than plain veal, wholesome and most tasty. It's one of the best read-to-serve meats you can buy.

STUBBORN COUGHS.

A cough which lingers on long after every other symptom of a cold has disappeared should have attention, as it indicates some throat or lung trouble and may result seriously. Mr. Alexander McMillan, of Maple Ridge, Mich., recommends Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for this trouble. He says: "I used this remedy for a stubborn cough with the best results and think there is nothing like it. I cannot speak too highly of it." For sale by all druggists.

HOW TO CURE A COLD.

The question of how to cure a cold without unnecessary loss of time is one in which we are all more or less interested, for the quicker a cold is gotten rid of the less the danger of pneumonia and other serious diseases. Mr. B. W. Hall, of Waverly, Va., has used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for years and says: "I firmly believe Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to be absolutely the best preparation on the market for colds. I have recommended it to my friends and they all agree with me." For sale by all druggists.

\$4,000 ROBBERY.

Thieves Break New York Jeweler's Window and Secure Good Haul.

New York, Dec. 24.—Four thousand dollars' worth of antique jewelry, including diamonds, emeralds, rubies, toques and pearls were stolen early today from the show window of a firm of dealers in antiques at 242 Fifth avenue. The thief smashed the window and seized an antique jewelry box in which all the missing jewels were exhibited.

The Bonita Sewing Machine, a new machine, a good machine, up to date in every particular at the various "Shore's Hardware," corner Government and Johnson streets.

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Collector's List of Lands or Improvements on Real Property Within the Corporation of the City of Victoria.

To be sold for Taxes, Interest and Costs on the TWENTY-NINTH day of December, 1905, at the City Council Chambers, City Hall, Victoria, B. C., at 12 o'clock noon, in pursuance of "The Victoria Real Property Tax Sale By-Law, 1905," unless in the meantime the arrears of Taxes, Interest and Costs due in respect of each Lot in the Schedule hereunder written be paid. If sold, the said Lands and Improvements will be chargeable with a proportion of the Legal Costs of and incidental to the obtaining of the Judge's Order confirming such Sale.

Lot.	Block.	Section.	Land and Improvements.	Assessed Owner.	Registered Owner.	Total Amount of Taxes due to the 31st Dec.	Expenses of Sale 1902 unpaid.	Interest.	Taxes, Interest and Costs.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
991.....	9.....		L. & L.	Mrs. G. Lawrence..	George Roper Lawrence...	32 40	3 25	5 85	41 50
992.....	9.....		L. & L.	Mrs. G. Lawrence..	Prosper Mene.....	12 80	3 05	4 10	20 03
993.....	9.....		L. & L.	G. R. Lawrence.....	Half lot Prosper Mene, other half title not reg'd.	21 60	3 04	3 90	28 54
997.....	17.....		L.....	Frank S. Montero..	Joseph Montero.....	21 60	3 04	3 90	28 54
1007.....	17.....		L. & L.	Frank S. Montero..	Joseph Montero.....	28 80	3 20	5 20	37 20
1081.....	8.....		L. & L.	Mrs. M. H. Watkins	John Watkins.....	24 00	3 10	4 30	31 40
1211.....	28.....		L. & L.	Ada Lombard.....	Ada Lombard.....	31 20	3 25	5 60	40 05
10 of 1777-91.....	61.....		L. & L.	W. J. Hyland.....	W. J. Hyland.....	20 80	3 03	4 25	28 08
15.....	27.....		L.....	Reckley Farm.....	Isabella Clark.....	6 25	2 73	1 10	10 08
Pl. 16 45x.....	27.....		L. & L.	Reckley Farm.....	Isabella Clark.....	8 65	2 78	1 55	12 98
10.....	East 12.....		L.....	5-acre Lot VI.....	Auguste Pujol.....	7 20	2 73	1 20	11 25
48.....	3.....		L.....	5-acre Lot VI.....	Auguste Pujol.....	7 20	2 73	1 20	11 25
5.....	4.....		L.....	Joseph Greer.....	Eliza Jane Greer.....	4 32	2 70	75	7 77
3.....	74.....		L.....	Emma Williams.....	Emma Williams.....	2 40	2 65	45	5 56
W. p. 42 25x104.....	69-72.....		L. & L.	S. J. Booth.....	J. A. Booth & L. A. Booth.	10 40	2 73	1 15	14 28
3.....	73.....		L. & L.	Mrs. M. R. Robbin.	Clara O. Haggerty.....	11 40	2 83	2 03	16 26
11 of 1.....	7-9.....		L.....	Mrs. H. Henderson.	Georgina C. Henderson...	9 20	2 80	1 90	13 90
12 of 1.....	7-9.....		L.....	Miss H. E. McLaughlin.....	Hannah E. McLaughlin...	2 91	2 66	50	6 07
15 of 1.....	7-9.....		L.....	Miss H. E. McLaughlin.....	Hannah E. McLaughlin...	2 65	2 66	45	5 76
38.....	53 and 64.....		L.....	Miss H. E. McLaughlin.....	Hannah E. McLaughlin...	2 25	2 65	40	5 30
39.....	53 and 64.....		L.....	J. A. Van Tassel.....	E. C. Stephenson.....	4 40	2 70	1 03	8 13
55.....	53 and 64.....		L.....	J. A. Van Tassel.....	E. C. Stephenson.....	4 40	2 70	1 05	8 15
5.....	53 and 64.....		L.....	Mrs. F. Adams.....	Fred Adams, Jr.....	6 00	2 73	1 10	9 83
3.....	53 and 64.....		L.....	Archibald Lees.....	Archibald Lees.....	6 00	2 73	1 10	9 83
213.....	12.....		L. & L.	Trustees Odd Fellows Hall.....	J. Barker and 58 others..	19 68	3 00	3 55	26 23
244.....	13.....		L.....	Emma Williams.....	Emma Williams.....	9 60	2 80	1 70	14 10
5 of 3.....	7-9.....		L.....	Emma Williams.....	Emma Williams.....	9 60	2 80	1 70	14 10
10 of 4.....	7-9.....		L.....	Sam Wal.....	Sam Wal.....	8 28	2 77	1 50	12 55
8 of 5.....	7-9.....		L.....	Sam Wal.....	Sam Wal.....	6 00	2 74	1 25	10 00
15 of 5.....	7-9.....		L.....	H. R. Ella.....	Henry Reece Ella.....	8 65	2 75	1 70	12 60
7.....	8-12.....		L.....	H. R. Ella.....	Henry Reece Ella.....	8 29	2 77	1 75	12 81
8.....	8-12.....		L.....	John Fraser.....	John Fraser.....	6 00	2 73	1 10	9 83
55.....	31 Vic. West.....		L.....	John Fraser.....	John Fraser.....	6 00	2 73	1 10	9 83
56.....	31 Vic. West.....		L.....	James Briney.....	James Briney.....	20 70	2 02	4 10	26 82
57.....	31 Vic. West.....		L.....	J. Nagle.....	Jeremiah Nagle.....	7 20	2 75	1 30	11 25
58.....	Springfield.....		L. & L.	Percy A. Raymond..	Elizabeth Raymond.....	13 92	2 88	2 50	19 20

VICTORIA : BUSINESS : DIRECTORY

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER of the Estate of John Humphreys, deceased.
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to the "Trusts and Executors Act," that all creditors of the Estate of the said deceased January, 1905, to send particulars of their claims duly verified to the undersigned, solicitors for Thomas A. Wood and Henry Evans Evans, executors of the said estate, and all persons indebted to the said estate are required to pay such indebtedness to the undersigned forthwith.
DATED at Victoria, B. C., this 30th day of November, 1905.
DRAKE, JACKSON & HELMCKEN,
20 Bastion Street, Victoria, B. C., Solicitors for the said Executors. d1

NOTICE is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners of the City of Victoria at their next sitting as a Licensing Court for a transfer of my license for the sale of wines and liquors by retail, upon the 9th day of January, 1906, to the premises situated at 20 Bastion Street, in the City of Victoria, and known as the Vernon Hotel, to Forbes George Vernon.
DATED this 10th day of November, 1905.
MARION PATTERSON.



NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Grand Forks District.
Highway Bridge over the Kettle River, Carson, B. C.
SEALED TENDERS, endorsed "Tender for Carson Bridge," will be received at the Department of Lands and Works, Victoria, B. C., up to noon of the 26th of December, 1905, for the wrought and cast iron work necessary for a bridge over the Kettle River at Carson, B. C.
Drawings, specifications and conditions of tendering and contract may be seen at the office of the Public Works Engineer, Victoria, B. C., and at the office of the Provincial Timber Inspector, Court House, Vancouver, B. C., on and after the 7th instant.
Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque or certificate of deposit on a chartered bank of Canada, made payable to the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for the sum of \$3000, as security for the due fulfilment of the contract, which shall be forfeited if the party tendering declines to enter into contract when called upon to do so, or if he fails to complete the work contracted for. The cheques of unsuccessful tenderers will be returned to them upon the execution of the contract.
Tenders will not be considered unless marked on the forms supplied, and signed with the actual signatures of the tenderers.
The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
P. C. GAMBLE,
Public Works Engineer,
Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B. C., 4th December, 1905. d7

NOTICE—The Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company will apply to the Parliament of Canada at its next session for an Act extending the time for commencing and completing an extension of its main line to Comox and the branches referred to in its Act of Incorporation, and also empowering the company to construct and operate a railway from Comox to a point at or near Campbell River; also a branch from its main line at or near Duncan via Cowichan Valley to Alberni; also a branch from a point at or near the Englishman's River to Alberni Canal, and a branch from a point at or near Comox via Cumberland southwesterly to Alberni Canal, and giving the company general powers to construct branch lines and for other purposes.
DATED at Victoria this 14th day of December, 1905.
W. F. SALSBUURY,
Secretary E. & N. Railway. d17

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DICKSON & HOWES, Cabinet Makers and Joiners, 131 Johnson Street. 1165

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HALF ACRE of fine garden and young orchard, with small, newly erected cottage. Only \$1,200.

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FARM—250 acres, 120 acres cleared and under cultivation; beautiful view front; good house and outbuildings; \$15,000.

200 ACRE FARM—Excellent soil; cleared and well fenced; with 2nd class stock; fine position; \$20,000.

FOR SALE—20 acres, all cleared, good buildings and orchard; \$2,700.

FOR SALE—200 acres, 60 cleared, good buildings; \$7,500.

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ESQUIMALT DISTRICT—306 acres; level land, suitable for chicken raising. Price \$15 per acre.

MONEILL'S BAY—2 acres of splendid land, fronting on and overlooking the bay, for sale at a reasonable figure.

OAK BAY AVENUE—5 acres of splendid building site, with good land; \$500 per acre.

ST. CHARLES STREET—1 acre of good land; \$900.

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CAREY ROAD—3 acres of very fair land near Garmham P. O.; \$350.

FOURTH STREET—Over 2 acres of good land, cleared and fenced; would make a splendid building site. Price \$2,000.

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FARM of 240 acres, 25 cultivated, 40 pasture; small house, large barn. Price only \$1,800.

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2 1/2 ACRES, with cottage and orchard; 5 minutes' walk from train. Price \$3,000.

TO LET—Furnished house on Fort Street. Rent, \$27.

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FARMS—Call for new "Home List"—contains details for best farms for sale on Vancouver Island.

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2 STOREY HOUSE; 6 rooms; sewer connection; brick foundation. COTTAGE—3 rooms, corner lot 60x120, assessed at \$3,500. Price for the two, only \$2,800. Situate on Johnson street, near Methodist Church.

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\$1,700—Nice cottage; good location on Yates street; electric light, sewer connection. Easy terms, \$200 cash, balance monthly instalments of \$20, at 6 per cent. interest.

\$2,000—Well finished cottage; 6 rooms; good location, Yates street; electric light, sewer connection. \$300 cash, balance monthly instalments of \$25 at 6 per cent.

10 ACRES—9 miles out, 4 acres cleared; 4 roomed dwelling; 50 fruit trees. Price, including horse, rig, farming implements, furniture and poultry, only \$1,200.

154 ACRES—10 cleared, 10 slashed; dwelling, barn 50x40; orchard, 150 trees bearing; fine situation, Salt Spring Island. The owner wishing to dispose of this at once, has reduced price to \$1,000. This is a bargain.

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\$15,000 on business property; also sums from \$500 upwards.

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FOR SALE CHEAP—Land close to Gorge tramway terminus, in quantities to suit intending purchaser.

FINE 5 ACRE BLOCKS between Gorge and Burnside roads, on easy terms.

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70 ACRES of fine land fronting on Sooke Harbor.

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TO RENT—Large wharf at foot of Yates street, with large commodious sheds.

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FOR SALE—150 acres, 50 acres under cultivation; good house and outbuildings. \$6,500.

FOR SALE—100 acres, 5 cleared, all fenced; small house and outbuildings. \$900.

FOR SALE—10 acres; small house and outbuildings, fruit trees, etc. \$1,200.

FOR SALE—50 acres, partly cleared; beautiful location. \$1,250.

FOR SALE—300 acres, 170 acres under cultivation; good buildings. \$21,000.

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LOST—Lady's brooch pearl spray safety pin catch. Reward to finder. Please leave at 413 Colist.

LOST—On Wednesday afternoon, a bar brooch, set with turquoise and pearls, with a horse shoe in centre. Reward will be paid on return of same to this office.

LOST—Lady's gold ring, set with 5 pearls. Finder suitably rewarded on returning to this office.

LOST—Silver oval belt pin. Please return to this office.

LOST—Gold curb watch chain with pen case attached. Return to 23 Broad street.

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FOUND—A boy's bicycle. Owner can have same by applying to 4 Croft street and paying expenses.

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FOR SALE—A business snap. Small, though well assorted, stock of millinery for sale; business all that could be desired; with good location and cheap rent. A splendid opportunity for person with moderate capital. Reason for selling, poor health. Mrs. J. G. Fair, Duncan, B. C.

FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS

FOR SALE—New No. 9 wood cook stove, with reservoir, new, all right burner; a new fancy iron bed, mattress and other furniture, for sale. Reason for selling, am leaving the city. 231 Pandora Avenue, down stairs. Call at once. d21

FOR SALE—Edison stereograph, with views; a bargain. Box 400 Colist. d15

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WANTED—Dressmaker wishes to do sewing by the day. Apply 29 Johnson street.

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WANTED—An English lady (27) seeks position as nursery governess or mother's maid; must be able to cook, sew and light housework; experienced pedagogue; excellent references. Apply 60 Rae street.

WANTED—MALE HELP

WANTED—A traveler for wholesale dry goods house. Apply P. O. Drawer 573.

WANTED—A first class presser. Apply at Victoria Dye Works.

MEN WANTED—Reliable men in every locality throughout Canada to advertise our goods, tack up showcards on trees, fences, along roads and all conspicuous places; also distributing small advertising matter. Salary \$300 per year, \$75 per month and expenses \$3 per day. Steady employment to good, reliable men. No experience necessary. Write for particulars. Empire Medicine Co., London, Ont.

WANTED—At once, young men for firemen and brickmen; high wages, prompt payment; guaranteed; firemen get \$100, become engineers at \$175; brickmen get \$80, become conductors at \$200 per month; instructions by mail; send for particulars. Salary \$300 per year, \$75 per month and expenses \$3 per day. Steady employment to good, reliable men. No experience necessary. Write for particulars. Empire Medicine Co., London, Ont.

WANTED—Man desires work; accustomed to handling horses. L. G. Greenwood, care W. M. C. A.

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TO LET—Housekeeping rooms. 111 Blanchard Avenue.

TO LET—Modern 8 roomed house, Victoria West, close to car line; commands a splendid view. Apply Gas. Jacobson, Springfield Avenue, Victoria West.

TO LET—40 Kane street, a large house; low rent.

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TO LET—Furnished, a modern dwelling house, heated by furnace, close to car, and centre of city. Apply Helsterman & Co.

TO LET—First class cottage, with or without stable. Apply 247 Yates street.

TO LET—Furnished rooms. 41 Rae.

TO LET—Lady living alone, would like lady or lady and gentleman to take part of new house; modern conveniences; use of kitchen. 410 Colist.

TO LET—Furnished rooms, with board & Pioneer street.

TO LET—A housekeeping flat, comfortably furnished; modern improvements and centrally located. Apply 60 Rae street, between 12 and 2 o'clock.

FOR RENT—Large, well furnished bedrooms, with private sitting room; telephone; bath and all conveniences; large house and grounds, with stable; breakfast, if desired. Gentlemen preferred. Box 381 Colist.

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FURNISHED ROOMS with board. Apply 33 Birdenau Walk.

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FOR SALE—\$150 and ten dollars per month buy a pretty four roomed cottage and large garden on South Turner street. Address P. O. Box 441.

FOR SALE—7 room, two-story house, and stable; corner lot; all modern conveniences, and in a first class condition; good location; 7 minutes' walk from P. O. Will be sold cheap, owner leaving town. Address Box 375 Colist.

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British News

By the Cable

An Attempted Innovation by Newspapers Proves Unsuccessful.

Royal Statistical Society Deals With Question of Declining Birth Rate.

London, Dec. 24.—But for the refusal of the Times, the Daily Telegraph and the provincial papers, the Newcastle Daily Chronicle and the Yorkshire Herald to fall in with the idea, there would have been no newspapers circulated in Great Britain on "Boxing day." Last year, when Christmas fell on Sunday, the directors of the Sheffield Daily Telegraph initiated an effort to secure a Christmas holiday for the news agents, compositors, newspaper men, stereotypers, machinists and the hundreds of other people who are employed in various capacities in the preparation and sale of the daily newspapers. They made appeal to all the newspapers throughout the country to suspend publication on "Boxing day." The effort nearly succeeded, only four London papers standing out against the proposal and nine of the provincial dailies. But mainly it was essential to success, naturally such of the newspapers agreeing made it a condition that all the other newspapers must do likewise. This year another attempt was made, and although there was more unanimity for shutting shop, people will for another year at least have their "Boxing day" budget of news.

Declining Birth Rate
The question of the declining birth rate was dealt with the other night at a meeting of the Royal Statistical society in a paper jointly prepared by Dr. Arthur Newsholme and Dr. T. H. Stevenson.

Two main theses were advanced: "That inhabitants of the United Kingdom and other civilized countries were markedly less fertile than was the case a few years ago and that this state of affairs is due to other than natural causes." "France," said the authors, "has anticipated the rest of the world and thus come near the consummation of its social life, de se, but it."

Is Only a Question of Decades
In the absence of a great change in the moral standpoint of the majority of people before other countries follow in the same direction, possibly even at the same pace.

"The outlook is gloomy and we cannot look with confidence to the help which is likely to come from preaching or medical teaching."

"The whole field, in fact, seems to lead to the conclusion that the decline in the birth rate is not due to increased poverty, but is associated with the general raising of the standard of comfort, and is the expression of the determination of the people to secure this greater comfort."

The Queen's Christmas Shopping
The Queen did her shopping at Buckingham palace, where a very large selection of articles was submitted for Her Majesty's inspection, as both King and Queen are great present givers and expend much delight in the selection of their gifts.

The favorite Christmas card of the Queen is a snapshot of her own taking, prettily mounted and with a note of good wishes.

The King still bestows an occasional snuff box on a personal friend, as well as a more useful tie pin or a walking stick.

The giving of presents is attended with a good deal of ceremony at Sandringham, the King, Queen and members of the royal family and guests each having a separate room for the display of their gifts.

DR. OSLER RETURNS.

Celebrated Canadian Savant Again Visits America.

New York, Dec. 24.—Dr. Wm. Osler, formerly of Johns Hopkins university, Baltimore, but now Regius Professor of Medicine at the University of Oxford, England, arrived today from Europe, to spend the holidays. He will make a brief visit to Canada.

CLUBMAN KILLED.

Prominent New Yorker Victim of an Auto Accident.

New York, Dec. 24.—James F. Martin, prominent in New York society, a member of the New York Yacht club, the Metropolitan club and the Country club, was instantly killed near Flushing, L. I., when his automobile plunged into a strip of loose dirt on the side of the road and turned completely over. Stacy Clark, who was in the car, was seriously injured. Mr. Martin's skull was fractured.

RIOT AMONG NEGROES.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 24.—A riot among negroes in which blood was shed was reported from Ewing, a turpentine camp on the Georgia Southern & Florida railroad. The riot was the result of a Christmas frolic among negroes who had been drinking. A general fusillade occurred and probably fifty shots were fired. Two negroes were killed outright. Three were wounded and died later, while eight others received bullet wounds.

KOOTENAY ORE SHIPMENTS.

Nelson, Dec. 24.—The shipments of ore for the Kootenay-Yale districts amounted this week to 28,640 tons, made up as follows: Boundary, 23,470; Rossland, 3,355; Slocan and other points, 1,815. The Granby smelter received 18,690 tons; B. C. Copper, 2,656; Dominion Copper, 801; Trail, 3,974; Hall mines, 646; and Marysville about 300. Trail smelter of 13 mines in Rossland-Boundary Republic, East Kootenay and Slocan. The chief Slocan-Kootenay shippers for the week were St. Eugene, 276 tons; Sullivan, about 300; Hunter, 75; Snowstorm, 87; La Plata, 51; and Queen, 44. The total number of mines shipping for the week was 20. A Nelson broker reports a sale of land to the C. P. R. in Similkameen for right of way for the coast line.

SPORTS

HOCKEY.

Play a Draw
The hockey match which was played at Vancouver on Saturday between the Garrison and Vancouver, resulted in a draw, both teams scoring twice. Referring to the game, the News-Advertiser says: As expected, the hockey match yesterday between the Garrison team and Vancouver was most exciting and very evenly contested, the final score, in a whirlwind

flush, being two goals all. Since last year both sides have strengthened their game; the Garrison by the addition of the best players in the R. A.; Vancouver by the infusion of new blood, and the result was apparent after the first ten minutes' play.

Following several rushes on the home side, the Vancouver forwards did some pretty combination work, and after a close risk, shot the first goal. This stirred up the Garrison and a few minutes later their wing forward, Powers, called for them. His run up the side lines, past and through the home defence, was accomplished so quickly that the black and white defenders rubbed their eyes in surprise. Shortly afterward time was called.

Owing to the gathering darkness no rest was taken, but the game proceeded with renewed vigor. Vancouver now had the advantage of playing down hill and went at it "hammer and tongs," only to be hurled back by the hard hitters in the back division of the Garrison. Ponsford made one beautiful shot which O'Brien in goal deftly put aside, and then Garrick, following up well on the ball, as he always does, scored in pretty style. The spectators, who braved a very nasty day, shouted encouragement, but the wing forward to the Garrison had a few "kinks of speed" left, and, on a well timed pass from his centre, Collins left everyone behind him and equalized the score. It was a fine run and well merited the commendation received from both sides.

Time was now drawing to a close, and the home team pressed the Garrison hard, but it was not to be, and shortly after the whistle blew for the finish.

Among the visitors besides Powers, whose speed and clever stick work has already been referred to, Collins and Warder handled themselves well in the forward line, while their half backs supported them cleverly. Sullivan and Quare, in the back field, showed how long it took to touch can in a twinkling relieve the pressure, and O'Brien, the goal-keeper, saved on several occasions.

For Vancouver, all the forwards worked hard and the combination was better than usual. Farquhar in centre, did not get any opportunity to score, but fed his inside wings well. Deane, Jr., had much heavier men against him, but centred well, and Ponsford, Barlett and Bayfield pressed hard all the time.

All three half backs used their heads, and there was an absence of the usual indiscriminate hitting. Behind them Stevens and Ashcroft relieved over and over again, breaking up several dangerous rushes and staying off determined attacks. Ashcroft, by the way, is a new man, plays in beautiful style and keeps cool in the face of any odds. Deane, recalled any boards with the exception of the two dashes by Powers, and in one of these he was fortunate enough to slip at the critical moment.

In conclusion, it was a very speedy, clean game, much of the credit for which is due to Mr. H. G. Dalby, who held the whistle, and was quickly supported in his decisions by the members of both teams.

LACROSSE.

The New Westminster correspondent of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer has already commenced to boom lacrosse. In his despatch dated Saturday he states that New Westminster and Sapperton lacrosse teams are watching with marked interest the endeavors of certain lacrosse enthusiasts on Puget Sound to organize a lacrosse league consisting of Blaine, Bellingham, Everett and Seattle.

The New Westminster team is doubtful about staying in the league next year as the game has become so strenuous in the league that it requires all the wits of several Hukerton men to following up the demands of both Vancouver and Victoria, as has been shown in the well laid and carried out double plans in connection with the suspension of Seattle.

"They may make it too hot for us," said Secretary Ryall, when discussing the probabilities of what stand New Westminster would take next year.

"Of course we will stand by Seattle," he continued, "but then, when two such aggregations as Victoria and Vancouver get in their work, there is no telling what they will do."

Should New Westminster leave the British Columbia league in 1906, as a result of unfair conspiracy, there is every possibility of some arrangements being made whereby the Canadian team, champions of Western Canada, will play with the Puget Sound teams.

The Canadian team, however, being an old organization and superior to American teams at the Canadian national game, through continued practice, they will have to be allowances made for the Puget Sound teams during the first year or two.

The majority of the old players in the champion team intend to withdraw next year, but the intermediate lineup will show almost as strong as the senior team, as many of the intermediate players have already shown ability in the league. The champion combination, Alexander Turnbull, the veteran sport, is likely to be the only member of the 1905 team to remain with the game during 1906, but Alexander says he is young yet and will, for several years more, while his stick handling ability does not appear to be decreasing in any way.

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